



2018 **annual report**



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Vice-President



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Dear Friends,

In my decades of involvement with sport, first as a young athlete and then as a sport psychologist, I have become acutely aware that it is a reflection of society. This has become increasingly clear over the course of this past year, as the culture of sport saw major shifts and changes. We at the Foundation for Global Sports Development have adjusted our sights and focus alongside the culture, in order to address prevailing issues.

In this annual report, you will see that much of our work in 2018 centered around acknowledging and responding to the sexual abuse epidemic in sport. We honored survivors of abuse with our Humanitarian Award, in recognition of their own efforts to shine a light on secrets that had previously remained hidden.

Joining in their fight, we also began work on Courage First, our abuse and prevention program that we intend to launch in 2019.

With our media division, Sidewinder Films, I have had the honor of producing documentaries that I know will bring the world to attention. At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal gives voice to the survivors of abuse in sport and explores the system which allowed it to thrive.

We are also reviving the stories of the past. Many people know of Arthur Ashe's greatness on the tennis court, but less are familiar with his feats in creating social change. With our support of the Ashe Exhibit at the 2018 U.S. Tennis Open, his story has been brought to life once again, in the hopes of educating the next generation of changemakers.

As a foundation, we have the unique opportunity to identify those individuals and organizations that are making a difference and support and guide them as they do so. I am grateful for all of the wonderful people we have had the pleasure of working with as we pursue our common goals.

Dr. Steven Ungerleider
Executive Board Member



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Mission & Values

The Foundation for Global Sports Development delivers and supports initiatives that promote fair play, education, and the benefits of abuse-free sport for youth. Sidewinder Films, a division of the Foundation for Global Sports Development, promotes this mission to a broader audience through groundbreaking films and documentaries.

TEAMWORK

The importance of coordinating efforts with organizations and athletes who share our dedication and commitment to promoting the positive benefits of sports.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The importance of exhibiting and observing qualities that are highly regarded in sports – generosity, courtesy, pride, ethics, and fair play.

INTEGRITY

All activities promote trust, respect, authenticity, and dignity.

AGILITY

The commitment to rapidly adapt and grow in order to achieve our mission.

EDUCATION

A belief in the positive impact of life-long learning and mentorship.

Grant Recipients

America SCORES Chicago
Chicago, IL

Brooklyn Youth Sports Club
Brooklyn, NY

California Pacific Medical
Center
San Francisco, CA

Challenged Athletes
Foundation
San Diego, CA

Childhelp
Phoenix, AZ

CircEsteem
Chicago, IL

Culver City Education
Foundation
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End Well Foundation
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Figure Skating in Harlem
New York City, NY

The Friendship Foundation
Redondo Beach, CA

Girls in the Game
Chicago, IL

Healthcare Foundation
Santa Rosa, CA

Heart of Los Angeles
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Loveland, CO

Ice Hockey in Harlem
New York City, NY

Inspire DR
Cabarete, Dominican Republic

International Surfing
Association
La Jolla, CA

The Jewish Agency
Jerusalem, Israel

Jr. Tennis Championship
Center
Washington, DC

Kids Play International
Park City, UT

LACER Afterschool
Program
Los Angeles, CA

New Heights Youth
New York City, NY

National Public Radio
Washington, DC

Operation Jump Start
Long Beach, CA

PowerPlay NYC
New York City, NY

Project Coach at Smith
College
Boston, MA

Rocking the Boat
Bronx, NY

Row LA
Los Angeles, CA

Row New York
New York City, NY

Students Run LA
Los Angeles, CA

Taking the Reins
Los Angeles, CA

Team Prime Time
Los Angeles, CA

Urban Dove
New York City, NY

Thriving Not Surviving
New York City, NY

Wayne County SAFE
Detroit, MI

World Curling Federation
Perth, Scotland

Zen Hospice Project
San Francisco, CA

Grantee Spotlight



In 2018, we increased our efforts to end abuse in sport. In doing so, we encountered many incredible organizations and people that shared our goals. One such organization was Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner's Program (WC SAFE).

WC SAFE inspires healing and empowerment for those affected by sexual violence by providing free and immediate comprehensive services, promoting public awareness, and advancing social change. Kimberly Hurst, Executive Director for WC SAFE, expressed her thanks for the grant. "WC SAFE is extremely excited and appreciative of the grant from the Foundation for Global Sports Development. This is an amazing opportunity to strengthen and expand our presence in the community and better meet the needs of survivors of sexual violence."

In 2018, we awarded \$1.9 Million to organizations that are making a difference in the fields of education, youth sport, adaptive sports, and health & wellness.

2018 Humanitarian Award

Our Humanitarian Award is our most prestigious honor. It is reserved for those whose contributions to sport go above and beyond in making a substantial improvement in the lives of athletes everywhere.

In 2018, we, alongside the rest of the world, witnessed women courageously speak up in court against their abuser, Larry Nassar, and we knew sport would never be the same again. Their voices called upon the country to make greater efforts in keeping sport and education safe for young athletes.

As we watched, we immediately knew this group of women had changed sport forever.

In April, we held a ceremony in Los Angeles to honor those who spoke out against the abuse they experienced as athletes. Many of those recognized have been fighting systems of power for a long time, and continue to do so even now.

Actress and activist Kristen Bell joined us for the ceremony and lauded the women for stepping forward and shining a light where darkness had previously prevailed.

In previous years we have donated \$100,000 to charitable organizations of the Humanitarian Award recipient's choice. However, this year we have committed \$1 Million to create an abuse prevention program -- aptly named Courage First. You can learn more about Courage First on page 12 of this annual report.





Kristen Bell presented the awards to the Humanitarian Award recipients. Here is she pictured with Sister Survivor Alexis Moore.



(L-R) Survivors and award recipients Amy Compton, Sabrina Mar, and Monica Lenches with ESPN's Josina Anderson.



Sister Survivor and award recipient Amanda Thomashow speaks at the 2018 Humanitarian Award ceremony in Los Angeles.

Athletes in Excellence Award

Our Athletes in Excellence Award honors individuals who have used their achievements in sport to create and inspire positive change.

Athletes in Excellence are nominated by their peers for their remarkable efforts in community outreach, humanitarianism, and youth mentorship.

Each award winner receives a \$10,000 grant, empowering them to pursue their passion for service to others.



Sunmaya Budha

Running

Born and raised in a small village in Nepal, Sunmaya helps promote education in her rural community. She also works with young women, empowering them through sport and teaching them about puberty.



Jason Dunkerley

Track & Field Paralympian

Jason is the President of Achilles Ottawa, a support community for runners who have visual impairments. He is also a coach for the Ottawa Lions Track & Field Club and he sits on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Blind Sports Association.



Rebecca Feickert

Basketball

Rebecca is a former collegiate basketball player who founded "Trey's Athletes," a non-profit organization which empowers student-athletes to achieve lifelong success. She has also served as a mentor with the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship.



Sara Hall

Marathon Running

Sara founded "Hall Steps Foundation," which raises funds to support orphan care and orphan prevention efforts in Ethiopia. The foundation has provided over \$160,000 in grants and microlending efforts.



Karin Korb

Wheelchair Tennis Paralympian

Karin is an advocate for people with disabilities. She currently serves on the City of Birmingham’s Social Justice Committee, as well as the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program’s PADD Advisory Council.



Antonia Emanuelle Abreu Motta

Rowing

“Manu” Abreu Motta is a volunteer coach and lead instructor at Row LA’s Erg Ed Program, reaching over 950 middle school students each year. Prior to that role, Manu taught rowing in Brazil for many years before coming to the U.S. in 2016.



Serena Limas

Basketball Coach

Serena was recently named “Coach of the Year” by Coaching Corps for her work as a volunteer basketball coach at Ramona Gardens Boys & Girls Club.



Nicola Paviglianiti

Powerlifting

Nicola has taken Powerlifting to Zimbabwe. There, she opened the first female gym in Harare, fundraised to take three Zimbabwean lifters to the Commonwealth Championship, founded “The Strength Gals” to provide inclusive and accessible strength coaching for females, and volunteers as Program Director for Lift4Life.



Tyler McGregor

Sled Hockey Paralympian

Tyler volunteers with Classroom Champions to mentor youth, Childcan to raise funds for families who are facing childhood cancer, and Princess Margaret Hospital and Make-a-Wish Foundation to support youth facing cancer.



Anna Sloan

Curling

Anna represents the curling community by speaking at schools and special events about the sport, coaching 10-11 year olds, supporting Scotland’s “Try Curling” initiative, and serving as an Ambassador for Scottish Curling Future Leaders.

Courage First

When we recognized the 2018 Humanitarian Award recipients in April, we realized the best way to truly honor them and their efforts would be to join them in the fight to end abuse.

This inspired us to create an abuse prevention program, titled “Courage First,” in tribute to the courage shown by athletes who have survived abuse, including the women who spoke out against Larry Nassar and Doug Boger. Courage First is set to launch in 2019.

In a reprise to her role at the 2018 Humanitarian Award, Kristen Bell has participated in Courage First by providing video messages that will be included with program materials.

COURAGE FIRST

In her message, Bell acknowledges the difficult situations that youths may find themselves in and encourages them to feel empowered in those moments. “There is no level of discomfort or fear that should ever be tolerated.”

Courage First will focus on educating teens and adults to recognize signs of abuse, as well as how to best respond and follow through when a young person discloses abuse.

As we develop the program, we are including the voices, experiences, and insights of those who have survived abuse and have become advocates for change.



Survivors Emma Ann Miller and Trinea Gonczar

Exceptional Youth Scholarship

Our Exceptional Youth Scholarship is just one of the ways we support youth as they embark on their secondary education journey.

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have shown a remarkable commitment to both academics and their community.

Each student receives a one-time scholarship of \$5,000 to help offset the cost of education at a four-year college or university.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

Alejandra Castillo - Inglewood, CA
Mount Saint Mary's University

Semeredin Kundin - Portland, OR
University of Oregon

Jasmin Dao - Santa Rosa, CA
UC Santa Barbara

Chad Miller - Soddy Daisy, TN
Lee University

Jacqueline Fuentes - Los Angeles, CA
UC Los Angeles

Nicholas Spader - Tifton, GA
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Edith Gallegos - Dallas, TX
Eckerd College

Katie Turner - Holy Cross, AK
Fort Lewis College

Jesse Guillory - Spartanburg, SC
USC Columbia

Sergio Vazquez - Los Angeles, CA
Dartmouth College

Desmyon Jones - Steens, MS
University of Memphis

Ashe '68 Exhibit

Arthur Ashe's legacy goes far beyond tennis. Though his feats on the court are undeniably impressive, it was through his activism that we see the tennis great's true nature and drive.

This year, we were honored to support the Ashe '68 Exhibit, a project aimed at inspiring fans and viewers by sharing Arthur's story.

The exhibit included an interactive VR experience. The eight-minute film, which can be viewed through virtual reality Oculus lenses, weaves together 360-degree video re-creations, archival material, stop motion, and animation to tell Ashe's story.



The Ashe '68 Exhibit debuted at the 2018 US Tennis Open, coinciding with the 50th celebration of Ashe's win at the 1968 US Open.

The film is coming soon, so stay tuned!

Sidewinder Films

2018 was a busy production year for Sidewinder Films. We were particularly focused on wrapping up production on our groundbreaking documentary, *At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal*.

Directed by Erin Lee Carr, the documentary looks at the 2017 scandal that shocked the world. Through first-person interviews with coaches, abuse survivors, and those close to the subject, the film reveals the systemic failures that allowed an abuser like Larry Nassar to harm hundreds of young women for decades. *At the Heart of Gold* is a call to action.

We were thrilled when HBO picked up the film, which premiered in May of 2019 on the premium cable channel, after first debuting at April's Tribeca Film Festival in New York City.



We want parents, athletes, coaches, and anyone who works with youth to see the film and understand the importance of staying vigilant against abuse - not just in sport, but in all areas of life.



Our film about the Paralympics and adaptive sport, *Positive All the Way*, is also set to premiere in 2019.

The documentary examines the Paralympic movement, its power for social change, and the personal journey of former IPC President Sir Philip Craven, whose experiences helped mold not only his own life, but also the lives of thousands of athletes with disabilities.

David Ulich

President



Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking time to learn about our projects, successes, and goals for 2018. It was an important year for all of us at the Foundation for Global Sports Development, especially as we began to lay the groundwork for even more impactful programs in the coming years.

Recognizing the Sister Survivors with our Humanitarian Award was, for me personally, monumental. I can already see the shift in behaviors and attitudes as a result of their speaking out. As a father, I was devastated to see the extent of abuse and the lengths organizations went to hide or dismiss it.

Knowing that change is essential, I was pleased to join CHILD USA's Blue Ribbon Commission Advisory Board. This critical project brings together like-minded professionals determined to make the protection of youth the highest priority for sport leadership. The commission is examining the institutional responses to abuse allegations made against Larry Nassar and uncovering institutional missteps in order to prevent this from happening again.

Our latest film, *At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal*, serves as a capstone to our work in this area. The documentary uncovers truths, gives insight into the survivors' experiences, and cautions parents and viewers everywhere about this kind of behavior. We cannot let our guard down on youth safety.

I am eager to see what changes the future holds, and I appreciate you joining us in that goal.

David Ulich
Executive Board Member

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