

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



When Steven and I started The Foundation for Global Sports Development, we knew that sports had the power to enrich lives and change the world for the better. We understood there was abuse within the sports world and were committed to transforming the culture by offering support to those effecting change. Over the last 27 years, GSD has worked to uplift athletes through awards, grants, partnerships, and education.

This year we were honored to present our Humanitarian Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations who have enhanced their communities through their efforts, to a fitting recipient. Our 2022

Humanitarian Award was given to Jon Vaughn - a former NFL player, abuse survivor, and activist dedicated to ending sexual abuse through education and advocacy. Many remember his 100+ day sit-in protest at the University of Michigan as a powerful call for change after the decades of silence that enabled his abuser. We're humbled by his actions and grateful to Jon for carving a path toward a safer future for generations of athletes to come.

Our Courage First initiative has grown and transformed since its introduction in 2019. Courage First was designed as an awareness-building program to educate adults and teens on sexual abuse and predatory behavior. By offering free training and panel discussions with subject matter experts, we helped audiences understand the importance of helping prevent abuse and how to support survivors. This year, in partnership with Childhelp, we launched the Courage First Athlete Helpline to offer confidential assistance to anyone concerned about emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in the athletic community. We're confident that this resource will promote athlete safety and help end abuse in sports.

As we close 2022, we are inspired by the work being done in our communities to create positive change and advocate for athlete and community wellness. With wellness in mind, my dear friend and GSD co-founder Dr. Steven Ungerleider had to take a step back this year after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This difficult time put into perspective how our team is a family, and we are grateful to everyone who has reached out to uplift Steven during his journey.

We move forward recommitted to the Foundation and its mission. Sports should always be a safe space of athletic adventure, fair play, community, and integrity, and we will continue to advocate for that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'David C. Ulich'.

David C. Ulich, J.D.

President, The Foundation for
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Mission

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

Values



TEAMWORK

The power 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

The commitment to promoting trust, respect, authenticity, and dignity in all activities.

AGILITY

The ability to adapt and grow in order to achieve our mission.

EDUCATION

A belief in the positive impact of lifelong learning and mentorship.

Charitable Giving & Recipients »

Sports can create change, unite youth from different cultural and economic backgrounds, and provide a way to build self-esteem and community. GSD is proud to support US and international organizations that offer sports, wellness, or educational enrichment programs.

Over the past year, we have provided close to \$2 million in grants and charitable contributions to various initiatives aimed at creating long-lasting, sustainable change.



ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
Abolish Child Trafficking, Inc (ACTNow)	Kamas, UT
Angel City Sports	Los Angeles, CA
Avalon Healing Center (AHC)	Detroit, MI
AVFilm	Healdsburg, CA
Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF)	San Diego, CA
Childhelp (CH)	Scottsdale, AZ
Childhelp - Courage First Athlete Helpline (CFAH)	Scottsdale, AZ
Corazón Healdsburg (Scopa Has a Dream, Inc.)	Healdsburg, CA
Culver City Education Foundation (CCEF)	Culver City, CA
End Well Foundation	San Francisco, CA
Healthcare Foundation	Healdsburg, CA
Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)	Los Angeles, CA
Hearts and Horses (H&H)	Loveland, CO
Ho'oma'a Foundation	Wai'anae, HI
International Surfing Association (ISA)	Cardiff, CA
International Table Tennis Federation Foundation (ITTF Foundation)	Leipzig, Germany
International Tennis Federation (ITF)	London, United Kingdom
Kids Play International (KPI)	Park City, UT
LA84 Foundation	Los Angeles, CA

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
LACER After School Programs	Los Angeles, CA
LA Sports Council Foundation	Santa Monica, CA
Luther Burbank Center for the Arts	Santa Rosa, CA
Nā Kama Kai	Wai'anae, HI
Operation Jump Start	Long Beach, CA
Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation	Honolulu, HI
Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment (PAVE)	Chicago, IL
RowLA	Marina Del Rey, CA
Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games (SCCOG)	Los Angeles, CA
Students Run LA (SRLA)	Tarzana, CA
Taking the Reins	Los Angeles, CA
Team Prime Time	Los Angeles, CA
The Healdsburg School (THS)	Healdsburg, CA
The Pā'ia Youth & Cultural Center	Pā'ia, HI
The Play Equity Fund	Los Angeles, CA
United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD)	Washington, D.C.
World Archery Federation	Lausanne, Switzerland
World Curling Federation	Perth, United Kingdom



Childhelp

Childhelp has been a beacon of hope for millions of children and families since its founding in 1959. The organization advocates for the prevention, intervention, and treatment of abuse, performs community outreach, and conducts research to meet the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children. We are pleased to help fund the cost of a certified Equine Therapist for Healing Kinetic Movement – their equine therapy program at The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp in Virginia.



Avalon Healing Center

As one of the largest programs in the country focused solely on serving survivors of sexual violence, Avalon Healing Center offers a wide range of confidential, trauma-informed services including individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, medical-forensic healthcare, expert witness testimony, advocacy, training, education, and outreach. Avalon has helped over 17,000 survivors with one or more of these services since its inception in 2006.

We are delighted to support Avalon Healing Center in the establishment of an Executive Assistant position to streamline processes, communications, and donor engagement. This addition will help Avalon's Development Department manage next year's anticipated contribution growth and allow new outreach and fundraising opportunities for its \$9.5 million facility renovation capital campaign.



Ready, Set, Gold!

Created in 2006 by the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, Ready, Set, Gold!'s mission is to encourage healthy lifestyles, motivate, and educate students about nutrition and exercise. By pairing Olympic and Paralympic stars with Los Angeles public schools, the program aims to promote student fitness and inspire future generations of college and Olympic athletes.

In 2020, when distance learning restrictions went into effect, RSG! produced a virtual fitness program with sixteen 30-minute videos for elementary through high school students. Developed by Dr. Karen Bloch, head of the Sports Medicine and Performance Department for Team USA, each video includes a physical activity and an educational topic presented by an RSG! Olympian or Paralympian. The online videos were such a success, having reached 17,150 students across 90 schools in 40 school districts, that they are now a permanent feature of RSG!'s programming.

As a 2022-2023 Official Presenting Partner of RSG!, our support will go towards increasing the number of students who have access to the RSG! curriculum and Olympian/Paralympian visits.

Grant & Partnership Highlights

Humanitarian Award

The Foundation for Global Sports Development's mission is to build upon the groundwork of fair play, sportsmanship, and drug-free competition in sports established by the individuals and organizations that came before us. Our Humanitarian Award recognizes those who have paved the way and enhanced the quality of life in their communities through mentorship and outreach.

The recipient may select up to three non-profit organizations as beneficiaries of the \$100,000 donation made in the recipient's honor.



Jon Vaughn

2022 HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT

Former NFL player, Jon Vaughn, was selected to receive the 2022 Humanitarian Award from the Foundation of Global Sports Development. Jon was a survivor of abuse during his time at the University of Michigan and is now devoted to changing the culture behind sports and athlete care. He is most known for his enduring and inspiring sit-in protest outside the university president's home for more than 100 days, where he captured the attention of thousands of supporters and fellow survivors. Jon remains committed to raising awareness of the prevalence of sexual abuse and making universities and communities safer.

"We can't change what happened to us, but we sure can make this campus safer today and in the future," he says. "We can speak out and speak up about this dark issue plaguing us. This is a human problem."



Athletes In Excellence

2022 AWARDEES

As an organization, we want to recognize elite-level athletes who model sportsmanship, fair play, and volunteerism on and off the field.

We know the positive impact sport can have and admire athletes who use their success as a catalyst to inspire change. Our hope is that by honoring them, we will encourage all athletes to participate in improving their own communities.

In reviewing nominations, we look closely at each athlete's leadership and youth mentorship work. Winners receive a \$10,000 grant to help them continue their valuable outreach and community service activities.



Kevin Battle

Kevin is known for his accomplishments as a U.S. Rugby Collegiate All-American, and as a rugby coach for UC Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Rugby Academy. He founded United Way's "Fun in the Sun" in Santa Barbara County, which provides over 300 low-income students with an engaging summer learning experience. Kevin now works with Rugby LA to enrich and enhance the lives of disadvantaged youth in Los Angeles.

Nominated by Stuart Krohn.



Rayfield Beaton

Rayfield's athletic achievements are apparent from his time as a U.S. Collegiate Track and Field athlete at USC, and as a selected member of the 1976 Guyana Olympic team. Rayfield now works as a coach, training high school, college, and professional athletes, and is committed to working for all athletes to have equal opportunities to train and compete.

Nominated by [Culver City Education Foundation](#).

**Gwen Berry**

Before Gwen's time as a coach at Tennessee State University, she was a two-time U.S. Hammer Throw Olympian. She has spent much of her time educating and advocating for issues that face Black and female athletes. In 2020, she won the USA Track and Field Humanitarian Award and the Toyota Humanitarian Award for her role in getting the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) to change Rule 50 and stop punishing athletes for making inequity statements.

Nominated by Candace Cable.

**Shannon Kleibrink**

Shannon is an active member of Alberta's curling community and has worked towards growing the sport. In 2005, she partnered with Okotoks Curling Club to launch Kleibrink Youth Curling Academy to help local youth try curling. In 2021-2022, she founded the Ready to Rock program to introduce the sport to Black, Indigenous, children of color, and low-income youth. During its first year, Ready to Rock invited over 500 newcomers and 37 curling community centers to learn the basics of curling. Shannon hopes to increase diversity in the sport and remove barriers to entry.

Nominated by [Curling Alberta](#).

**Juan (Jean) Maggi**

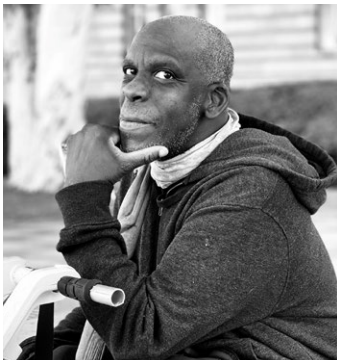
Jean is an inspirational Paralympian and serves as a role model for those with physical disabilities. He has completed marathons and Ironmans, played wheelchair sports, crossed the Andes on horseback, and reached the highest point in the Himalayas that is accessible on an adaptive bike. As a motivational speaker, Jean asks that his appearances be paid for in adaptive bicycles and has set up a foundation to field applications and distribute the bikes he receives. Jean also founded a non-profit to assemble adaptive bikes, which is run by individuals with disabilities. He understands the profound impact being independent can have and is committed to changing lives and societal perceptions of disabilities.

Nominated by The Foundation for [Global Sports Development \(GSD\)](#).

**Ignacio (Nacho) Medrano**

Over his 30 years of playing amputee soccer, including his participation in 6 Amputee Soccer World Cups, Nacho has helped transform the adaptive soccer landscape in California. Recently, Nacho joined Angel City Sports' blind soccer program as a coach and is teaching clinics to support the US Association of Blind Athletes' (USABA) efforts to field a team for the 2028 Paralympic Games. Nacho is currently the Assistant Coach of the US National Amputee Soccer Team and a Board Member of the American Amputee Soccer Association. He hopes to continue promoting the sport and encouraging players to discover their full potential.

Nominated by [Angel City Sports](#).

**Leroy Moore**

Leroy began his career as a Cerebral Palsy Cyclist by volunteering as a camp counselor. He later competed on the US Summer Paralympic team as a cyclist in the Cerebral Palsy classification and began working for the United Cerebral Palsy Association helping youth with disabilities. Leroy has since founded and co-founded several organizations to support and elevate disabled individuals. His most recent venture, Krip-Hop Nation, is an international network mentoring disabled Hip-Hop artists, poets, and other musicians. In addition, Leroy is an author and an Emmy award-winning musician for the title song of Netflix's Rising Phoenix.

Nominated by Candace Cable.

**Tiffeny Parker**

Tiffeny's accomplishments as a Heptathlon and Bobsled athlete have earned her over 13 collegiate All-American titles in track and field, and more than 8 USA and international championship performances. Outside of competing, Tiffeny has been volunteering, coaching, mentoring, and giving back to her community since 2010. Most recently, Tiffeny has become a youth Athlete Mentor and role model with Ready, Set, Gold! and Classroom Champions.

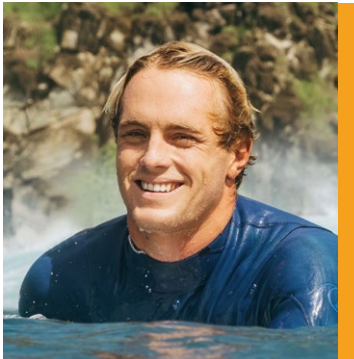
Nominated by Sam Effah.



Olivia (Liv) Stone

As a two-time ISA Para Surfing World Championship gold medalist, Liv leverages her accomplishments to educate others about adaptive sports and encourage more women to try surfing. Liv is a Challenged Athlete Foundation (CAF) ambassador and has shared her story in front of thousands of people, including at the 2022 Super Bowl at SoFi stadium, the Switchfoot BRO-AM Foundation's annual fundraising event, and the Roth Corporate Conference. Liv also mentors young girls through the CAF Surf Camps, where she shares her love of surfing and the ocean.

Nominated by [International Surfing Association \(ISA\)](#) and [Challenged Athletes Foundation \(CAF\)](#).



Cody Young

Cody and his family oversee the Maui chapter of Surfers Healing, an organization that brings the sport of surfing to individuals with autism. He believes surfing helps everyone connect with the healing power of the ocean and that it can be especially beneficial for those who have a hard time expressing themselves. Cody's impact is evident in the smiles of the program participants.

Nominated by Tom Pohaku Stone.



We believe in education and want to encourage students to be lifelong learners. We established the Exceptional Youth Scholarship to recognize high school seniors who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a commitment to community service and leadership.

Each recipient is awarded a one-time \$10,000 scholarship to be used at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States.

Exceptional Youth **Scholarship**

**Dikshya Dulal**

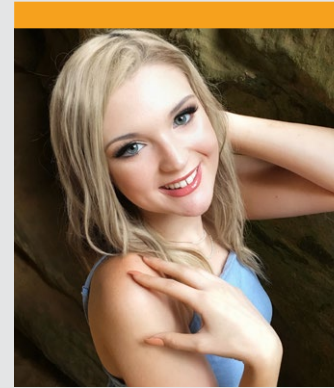
Licking Heights High School
(Blacklick, OH)
Ohio State University

**Bethany Gillespie**

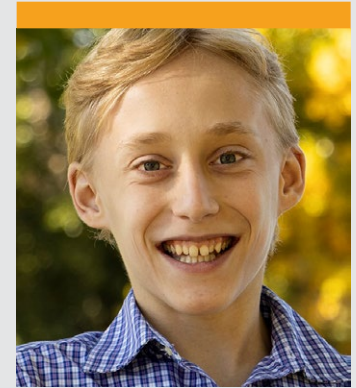
Northwood High School
(Toledo, OH)
Ohio State University

**Candace Kieffer**

Effingham County High School
(Springfield, GA)
University of Miami – Coral Gables

**Alexis Medley**

Meigs High School
(Middleport, OH)
Ohio University

**Casey Myers**

Colorado Academy
(Denver, CO)
Colorado State University

**Riya Patel**

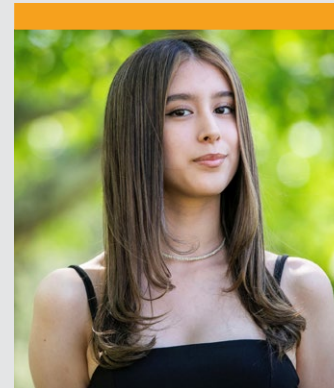
Gatlinburg-Pittman High School
(Pigeon Forge, TN)
Georgia Institute of Technology

**Alexander Riddle**

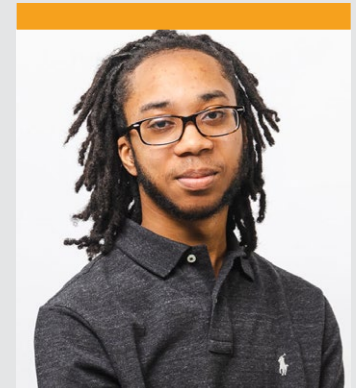
Sequoyah High School
(Canton, GA)
University of Georgia

**Sarah Simmons**

Onslow Early College High School
(Jacksonville, NC)
North Carolina State University

**Jennifer Rosillo Vargas**

Healdsburg High School
(Healdsburg, CA)
California Polytechnic State University

**Marterrio Ward**

Winton Woods High School
(Cincinnati, OH)
Ohio State University

Courage First Athlete Helpline



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athletehelpline.org



In 2019, we created the Courage First program as an education initiative to raise awareness about sexual abuse. Over the last 3 years, we have collaborated with survivors, universities, and abuse prevention organizations around the country, hosting educational film screenings and discussion panels on the topic. Our work in this space has underscored the long-term impact of sexual abuse and why prevention is key.

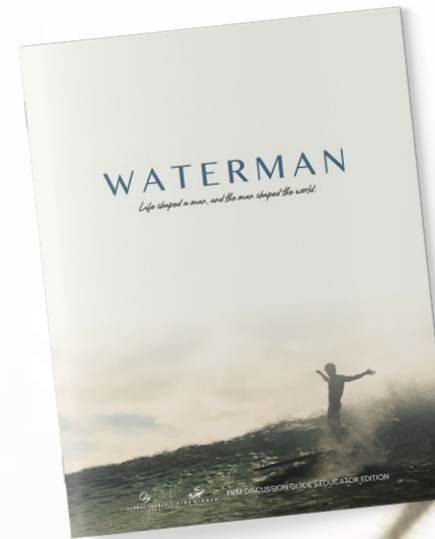
In October 2022, we expanded our commitment to both preventing abuse and supporting survivors, by partnering with Childhelp – which has 40 years of

experience running the National Child Abuse Hotline – to launch the Courage First Athlete Helpline.

Staffed by specialized counselors, the independent helpline provides emotional support, crisis intervention, athlete-focused resources, and information on reporting suspected abuse for children and adults in sports. In addition, it is available as a sounding board for athletes, families, coaches, administrators, and anyone who may have concerns about any type of abuse in sports. Assistance is available by phone, text, and online chat.

Waterman

Through our media division, Sidewinder Films, we continue to create films that shed light on remarkable, untold stories with the hope of inspiring and educating audiences.



THEATRICAL RELEASE

In 2021, we completed *Waterman*, a documentary on the life and legacy of Olympic champion and Ambassador of Aloha, Duke Paoa Kahanamoku. We felt it most fitting to launch the film's theatrical release in Hawai'i – Duke's home and the birthplace of surfing. On April 1, 2022, *Waterman* premiered in theaters across the Hawaiian archipelago, followed by select theaters along the U.S. West Coast. In November 2022, *Waterman* had an exclusive run in Reading Cinemas theaters throughout Australia and New Zealand, paying tribute to Duke's historic connection to the region having introduced true Hawaiian surfing to both countries.

EDUCATIONAL SCREENINGS

Our mission is to educate and promote the benefits of sports, which means going beyond our films and creating educational enrichment opportunities. As a result, we have collaborated with various non-profit organizations and schools across the U.S. to provide educational screenings of *Waterman* throughout the year. Over 4,300 people have seen *Waterman* through our educational screenings, many of them students ranging from middle school to university level. The screenings left viewers with a new appreciation for Duke, who he was as a person, the challenges he faced, and the lasting impact he had on lifesaving and sports.

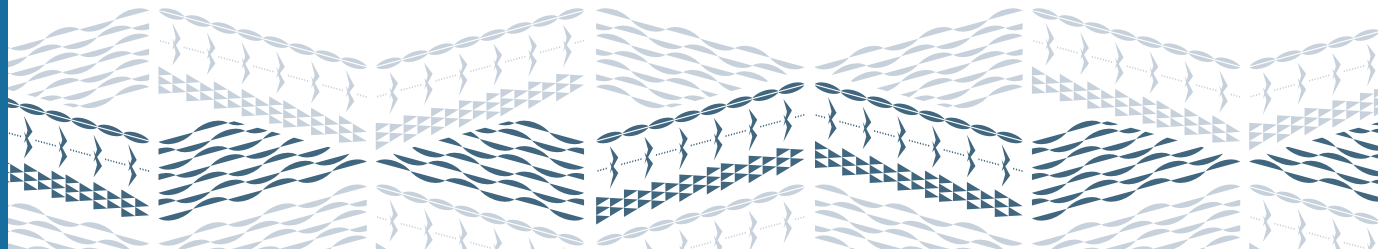
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Waterman discussion guides, created in partnership with Pohaku Media, served as a valuable, complementary resource for viewers and hosts of educational screenings to dive deeper into Duke's story.

The *Waterman* discussion guide shares graphics, maps, resources, and thought-provoking discussion prompts to learn more about Duke's life and achievements. The guide also comes in an educator's edition – which includes the original guide's content along with additional material on Hawai'i's history and culture – for use in classroom settings, lectures, and educational programs.

FILM FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

Waterman was honored to be part of multiple film festivals over the past year, winning awards such as Best Documentary Feature at the LDS Film Festival, the Best of Festival at the Malibu Film Festival, and the Film of the Year at the Portuguese Surf Film Festival. We'd like to thank Waterman audiences around the world for their continued support.



PRESS

Duke Kahanamoku continues making headlines through *Waterman*. Here are some of the stories that were published as a result of our sharing Duke's remarkable life with the world.



- April 1, 2022 **Studio 5:** A New Movie Tells the Story of Island Sports man Duke Kahanamoku
- April 2, 2022 **KHON 2:** Long awaited Duke Kahanamoku 'Waterman' documentary hits the big screen
- April 2, 2022 **KITV 4:** Duke Kahanamoku documentary 'Waterman' opens in theaters
- April 2, 2022 **ESPN:** Weekend Warrior Podcast
- April 3, 2022 **KHON 2:** Duke Kahanamoku documentary expands to mainland
- April 4, 2022 **KSL:** Native Hawaiians share inspired, true story of surfer Duke Paoa Kahanamoku on big screen
- April 6, 2022 **ABC 4:** 'Waterman' and Jason Momoa bring the aloha spirit to Utah
- April 7, 2022 **Entertainment Report**
- April 12, 2022 **Film Authority:** Waterman
- April 13, 2022 **Film Threat:** Waterman 8/10
- April 13, 2022 **LA Times:** Film ' Waterman' shares legend of surfer Duke Kahanamoku 'Ambassador of Aloha'
- April 15, 2022 **Chicago Reader:** Waterman (Review)
- April 15, 2022 **KPCC:** FilmWeek: 'Fantastic Beasts,' 'Navalny,' 'Paris, 13th District' And More
- April 16, 2022 **Hollywood in Toto:** Waterman Doc Lives Up to its Iconic Source (Review)
- May 3, 2022 **Broadway World:** PBS American Masters to Premiere Documentary About Surfing Legend Duke Kahanamoku
- May 4, 2022 **WITF:** American Masters Dives into the Legacy of Olympian Champion Duke Kahanamoku
- May 8, 2022 **Honolulu Star-Advertiser:** Duke Kahanamoku biopic to get television time on PBS
- May 10, 2022 **Channel Guide:** 'American Masters' Presents the Life and legacy of Surf Legend Duke Kahanamoku
- May 10, 2022 **TV Insider:** What We Learned About Duke Kahanamoku
- May 14, 2022 **PBS Hawai'i:** ICYMI AANHPI Heritage Month: Waterman - Duke: Ambassador of Aloha

***Waterman* can be rented or purchased on Amazon Prime Video and is available for Passport Members to stream on PBS until 2025.**

To learn more about the film, visit watermanthemovie.com

Positive All the Way & Munich '72 and Beyond

Positive All the Way and *Munich '72 and Beyond* are previously released documentaries by Sidewinder Films. Both films continue to have an impact on audiences and have recently been made available to stream on PBS until 2025.



Positive All the Way

Positive All the Way celebrates the power of sport to ignite the human spirit and explores Sir Philip Craven's role in transforming the adaptive sports landscape during his tenure as President of the International Paralympic Committee. Personal interviews and captivating footage illustrate how the rapidly growing Paralympic movement is challenging the world's perception of disability and becoming a global force for social change.



Munich '72 and Beyond

Global Sports Development Producers, Dr. Steven Ungerleider, and David Ulich, partnered with Director Stephen Crisman and Executive Producer Michael Cascio to educate the public and honor the lives of those lost when terrorists took eleven Israeli athletes hostage at the Munich Olympics on September 5, 1972. The ensuing tragedy became a historical turning point for the Olympics, terrorism, and a world audience tuning into the first international broadcast of the games. Munich '72 and Beyond is an unflinching, elegant, and timely examination of contemporary remembrance.



Thank you...

...for reading about the work we have done over the past year. As we look to 2023, we hope you will join us in more conversations about how each of us can be the change we want to see in the world.

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