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REPORT



## INTRODUCTION

In 1996, Dr. Steven Ungerleider and I co-founded The Foundation for Global Sports Development (GSD) with a mission to harness the transformative power of sports to enrich lives and foster positive change throughout the world. For 28 years, we worked together to uplift athletes, students, and nonprofit programs through awards, grants, partnerships, and educational initiatives.

When I first met Steven, I was struck by his deep-seated sense of justice and his desire to help others. He was a resolute leader and a fierce champion of sports and their ability to drive social change. He believed in Fair Play and in ensuring that doping and abuse had no place in sports. His ongoing contributions to the field were recognized in August 2021, when the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) awarded him a Willi Daume World Fair Play Diploma for Promotion for furthering CIFP ideals. The distinction is given to a person (or organization) who promotes fair play through national or local campaigns, lectures, articles in the press, or comments on radio or television. Steven's producing At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal, his helping develop GSD's Courage First abuse prevention program, and speaking about abuse and athlete safety on virtual and in-person panels at symposiums and universities were cited as factors. Through each, Steven highlighted the importance of integrity, equality, care, solidarity, and respect in sport.

Steven passed away in March of 2023 leaving a void in the sports advocacy space. His work touched countless lives and he did it with purpose and an infectious sense of humor. He was a cherished friend who will be missed by all those who had the privilege to know him. The GSD team is honored to preserve Steven's legacy through the work we do every day.

We continue to be guided by Steven's values. Through our grants, partnerships, and award programs, we've helped

individuals and organizations devoted to making sports safer, more inclusive, and more just.

This year, we once again supported the International Table Tennis Federation Foundation's Dream Building Fund, fueling projects that leverage table tennis to power societal change around the world.

We remained committed to our Courage First Athlete Helpline, a collaboration with Childhelp that was launched in 2022. The confidential service was established as a resource for those affected by emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in sports. Awareness of the Helpline has grown dramatically since then, and it's been rewarding to see professional sports organizations begin to recognize its importance and support its work in 2023.

Our nonprofit media division, Sidewinder Films, continued its mandate to inspire and educate audiences through film. Waterman, our movie about surfing legend Duke Kahanamoku, earned a nomination for Outstanding Historical Documentary at the 44th News and Documentary Emmy Awards. We also premiered Uncle Bully's Surf Skool, a film featuring Lahaina surf instructor Robert "Bull" Kotter who used surfing to bring his community together after the devastating Maui wildfires of 2023. In addition, we launched the Sidewinder Films Completion Funds Award through Decentralized Pictures to collaborate with, and amplify the voices of, aspiring filmmakers.

Steven was instrumental in all of GSD's 2023 successes, and he would have been delighted to see them come to fruition. Thank you, Steven, for your unwavering belief in The Foundation for Global Sports Development's mission to champion access and safety in sports. May your vision inspire future generations of athletes and the institutions entrusted with protecting them.



Sincerely,



**DAVID C. ULICH, J.D.**President, The Foundation for Global Sports Development





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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**







### **STAFF**



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Chief Operating Officer



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## **OUR VALUES**









#### **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.

#### **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.

## **OUR MISSION**



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

## GRANT & PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

At The Foundation for Global Sports Development, we recognize the power of sports to promote social change. Through our support of both US and international organizations, we are proud to champion initiatives that leverage sports to bridge cultural and economic divides while fostering self-esteem and community.

We would like to highlight two of the organizations we supported in 2023.





## Courage First Athlete Helpline

The Courage First program was established in 2019 as an educational initiative aimed at raising awareness about abuse in sports. We collaborated with survivors, universities, and abuse prevention organizations nationwide, to facilitate educational film screenings and discussion panels with subject-matter experts. The conversations underscored the lifelong effects of abuse and why prevention is key.

In 2022, we expanded the initiative and launched the Courage First Athlete Helpline in partnership with Childhelp, to help athletes navigate the unique power dynamics and lack of independent oversight inherent in sports. Staffed by trained counselors specializing in athlete-related issues, this independent helpline offers emotional support, crisis intervention, athlete-focused resources, and guidance on reporting suspected abuse for both children and adults involved in sports. It serves as a confidential platform for athletes, families, coaches, administrators, and concerned individuals to seek assistance regarding any form of abuse in sports. Accessible via phone, text, and online chat in the US and Canada, the Helpline provides a lifeline for anyone affected by abuse within sports.

GSD and Childhelp collaborated with Dr. Robin Ortiz, Courage First Board Member and Pediatrician/Researcher at NYU, in data collection and analysis throughout 2023.



Over the first six months of the year, contacts to the helpline came through all modalities (call, text, chat) and predominantly identified as female, which included parents, and child and adult victims and survivors. The most common presenting issues involved coaching issues, mental health issues, and emotional abuse.

A public internet-based needs assessment survey was distributed through Courage First Athlete Helpline social media platforms and professional networks within the field. A wide range of ages responded and reported that they believe the top 3 athlete challenges are related to mental health, verbal/emotional abuse, and reporting/response to abuse. The survey also found that the top 3 priorities needed for athletes were educational resources, help finding support systems/people, and resources for mental health and reporting, all of which aligned with our first year of help-seeker data.

Barriers were identified in the target population regarding disclosing/reporting, so we will be focusing on enhanced national awareness of the helpline in the coming year.

The Helpline's Advisory Board members and Childhelp helped spread awareness of the service in 2023 through outreach to individuals and organizations; national governing bodies of sport; athletic, medical, school counselor, and social work conferences; high schools and universities; athlete-centric nonprofits; public figures; and professional sports teams.

Over 350 packages of Courage First Athlete Helpline resource materials were sent to institutions and organizations across the country. More than 3,000 one-pagers, cards, stickers and/magnets were distributed at events, conferences, or mailed in response to requests from organizations including:

- Stanford, University of Sioux Falls, Jackson State University, Washington State, Montana State
- Multiple Sports Regulatory Organizations
- Multiple Positive Coaching Alliance state agencies



A PSA by actor John Stamos about the Helpline played multiple times during the NCAA Women's Championship on May 14,2023 As a result of these efforts, over 75 known national governing bodies of sport, nonprofits, schools, organizations, government entities, and community members have expressed their support, endorsed, or listed the Courage First Athlete Helpline as a resource. Multiple public figures within sports and entertainment have also publicly supported the Helpline.

## THE HELPLINE SECURED A \$50,000 GRANT FROM THE NBA'S PHOENIX SUNS



888.279.1026 athletehelpline.org



### The Courage First Athlete Helpline was listed as a resource on the following websites as of the close of 2023:

- US Dept of Justice; Office for Victims of Crime
- US Dept of Justice; Office of Justice Programs
- The Army of Survivors
- · We Ride Together
- Athletes Against Anxiety and Depression
- · Sidelined USA
- · Survivor Space
- Good Sports
- Medium
- GovServ.org
- Students Run LA
- Athletes for Hope
- Alliance for Social Workers in Sports
- Scottsdale Unified School District
- Prevent Child Abuse Indiana
- Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana/ ViaLink

- Prevent Child Abuse PA/Heal Pennsylvania
- Vermont 211
- · Children's Trust of South Carolina
- End Abusive Coaching
- All Things Gymnastics
- The Hazing Prevention Network
- NEAMA (Nonprofit Education and Advocacy for Movement Arts)
- The Traumatic Stress Institute
- KidsHealth.org
- FindAHelpline.com
- PasoFino Horse Association
- National Reining Horse Association
- Play Gap: Sports for Women
- · Ohio Women's Sports Alliance
- Inner City Education Foundation Public Schools
- · Loudoun Soccer
- Cap City Volleyball

- Washington School Counselors Association
- Arizona School Resource Officers Association
- Arizona School Counselors Association
- Arizona Interscholastic Association
- Ohio State University; College of Education and Human Ecology
- US Center for SafeSport
- US Equestrian
- USA Karate
- US Tennis
- · US Quadball
- US Rowing
- American Volleyball Coaches Association
- · World ParaVolley

# International Table Tennis Federation Foundation



Table tennis transcends age, gender, culture, and physical ability, and offers participants social, physical, and mental health benefits. The International Table Tennis Federation Foundation (ITTF Foundation) leverages these qualities not only to promote the sport, but as a tool for development.

The Foundation for Global Sports
Development has been supporting the
International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)'s
efforts since 2009. In 2019, we partnered with
the ITTF Foundation to establish the Dream
Building Fund powered by GSD (DBF) to back
programs that tackle societal issues and
local challenges through table tennis. The
initiative's goal is not to develop table tennis
professionals, but rather to provide access
to training, education, and resources, to

foster development, facilitate social inclusion, prevent conflict, and encourage peacebuilding in alignment with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2023, **The Dream Building Fund powered by GSD** supported 6 projects from Nepal, Uganda, Indonesia, Iran, India, and Kenya, serving 4,435 participants, 98.8% of whom were children and youth. The programs, which had 49.7% women and girls' participation, were tied to the following SDGs:

- **#3** Good Health and Well Being (Nepal, Uganda)
- #4 Quality Education (Indonesia)
- **#5 Gender Equality** (Iran)
- #13 Climate Action (India)
- **#16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions** (Kenya)

The overall impact of these projects will be measured in terms of their contribution towards the targeted SDG.





ittffoundation.org

## ATHLETES IN EXCELLENCE

As an organization, we want to recognize elitelevel 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 celebrating 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.



## JACOB HEILVEIL US - PARALYMPIAN - WHEELCHAIR

**RACING** 

A native Korean, Jacob Heilveil moved to Hawaii when he was twelve to undergo spinal surgery to correct scoliosis - a complication of the polio he contracted as an infant. He became interested in wheelchair racing soon after and has been a competitor ever since, having participated in ninety marathons, three Paralympics, and two World Championships. Jacob has coached wheelchair athletes and cocreated the Exciting Programs Adventures and New Dimensions program (EXPAND), Colorado's first Paralympic sports club. He is currently developing an initiative to supply adapted equipment to existing mainstream community sports programs. Jacob is an advocate of providing people with experiences and exposure to expand their perceptions of what is possible.

#### Nominated by

2014 Athletes in Excellence recipient, Candace Cable



## ANTON JACKSON US - DEAFLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST BASKETBALL

After passing up Division I offers to attend Gallaudet University, Anton Jackson, a Deaf basketball player, went on to win Rookie of the Year at the university, a bronze medal at the 2007 World Championships, and a gold medal at the 2009 Deaflympics. Returning to Gallaudet as an assistant basketball coach, Jackson led the school's team to one of its few conference championships, before attending Trainer University to obtain an I'm Possible certification. In 2021, he founded AdroitBucket to provide access to elite basketball training and inspire Deaf youth to achieve their athletic dream. Some of his alumni are well on their way having been selected to represent Team USA.

#### **Nominated by**

2019 EYS recipient, Blessed Mbogo



#### NATALIA MAYARA AZEVEDO DA COSTA

BRAZIL - PARALYMPIAN - WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Ranked top twelve in the world, top ten for doubles, and number one in Brazil for wheelchair tennis while actively competing, Natalia qualified for the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games. She won a silver medal at Les Petit As, Wheelchair Tennis Junior Masters, and gold medals at the Juniors South American Games and the Para Pan-American Games in both singles and doubles, giving Brazil its first gold medal in tennis. Now retired from competition, Natalia has been spreading awareness of adaptive sports and the Paralympic movement. She has promoted wheelchair tennis by hosting clinics, conducting school assemblies, and creating and sharing content. Natalia also had the honor of representing all Paralympic athletes at the United Nations in Switzerland.

#### **Nominated by**

Ready, Set, Gold!, Izabela Maria da Silva, Andrea Tabor, Shanda Vail, Lauren Bendik, and Crystal Yang Edwards



#### **AMOBI OKUGO**

**US - RETIRED MLS PLAYER** 

A first-generation Nigerian American from California, Amobi Okugo played over 200+ matches across multiple teams during his soccer career. While he was active in Major League Soccer (MLS), he represented his teammates as Team Captain and Player Representative, successfully negotiating improved player rights, and winning the Open Cup Championships (2015), Western Conference Winners (2017), and Copa de Tejas (2019). Okugo is a prolific volunteer. directly engaging with approximately 1,200 youth per year in a mentorship role, as well as an average of 25 community-based programs per year. Okugo is the founder of Frugal Athlete, a business that helps athletes through financial education and athlete empowerment, as well as the creator of the Ok U Go Foundation, a non-profit supporting BIPOC youth.

#### Nominated by

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency



## ELLA RAE RODRIGUEZ US – COLLEGIATE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Currently studying neuroscience and cognitive science while playing collegiate wheelchair basketball for the University of Arizona, Ella Rodriguez has been competing since she first discovered adaptive equipment. Before college, she played wheelchair basketball, danced, surfed, cheered for her high school team, and even helped her high school coaches create a new adaptive team, which included three other students with physical disabilities. After winning two silver medals at the Paralympic trials in 2021 in long jump and discus, she has now set her sights on joining Team USA's U26 Wheelchair Basketball team. As a Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) Ambassador and youth mentor, she has generously shared her story to inspire others. Ella has expanded people's horizons by connecting them to CAF for equipment and giving them a glimpse of what is possible

#### Nominated by

Challenged Athletes Foundation



## JESSICA SMITH AUSTRALIA – PARALYMPIAN – PARA SWIMMING

Jessica Smith began representing Australia in para-swimming when she was just thirteen. She swam for Team Australia for the next seven years, ultimately competing at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games at nineteen. Since retiring from swimming, Jessica has become a runner and an international advocate for diversity and inclusion, disability awareness, and positive body image, sharing her journey with diverse audiences including the United Nations. Her message to people living with a disability is to focus on what your body can do. Smith is co-founder and COO of TOUCH Talent Inclusion Consultancy, an international inclusive talent agency and disability inclusion consultancy. Jessica has received numerous awards for her work, including the prestigious Order of Australia Medal (OAM), Australia's highest honor, for her activism and dedication to sport.

#### Nominated by

2017 Athletes in Excellence recipient, Mo'ath Alkhawaldeh



**Sport offers a platform** for us to simply 'play the game' irrespective of ability, geography, language, or politics. It's about equity, opportunity, inclusion, fair play, and respect. I am truly honored to have been selected as a recipient of this prestigious award. I promise to continue working with children and youth around the world role modeling the power of sport."

- JESSICA SMITH



#### **ESTHER VERGEER DUTCH PARALYMPIAN -**WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

In 2004, Esther founded the Esther Vergeer Foundation to help children with a physical disability or chronic condition develop selfconfidence through sports. After winning her first of seven gold Paralympic medals, Esther was regularly approached by parents and disabled children asking how they too could get involved in sports. Esther serves on the Dutch Paralympic delegation and is a member of the Dutch Sports Council. She is also the Director of ABN AMRO Open's wheelchair tennis tournament. Vergeer is the recipient of the 2022 and 2008 Laureus Award for Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability. In 2016, she was awarded the Fanny Blankers-Koen Career Award - the highest accolade for a Dutch athlete. In addition, she was named International Tennis Federation World Champion in women's wheelchair tennis every year from 2000 to 2012. Esther Vergeer has become a role model and advocate for both female and male tennis players with a disability.

With the funding, I plan to donate to the Esther **Vergeer Foundation to help** more kids with disabilities or chronic illnesses enjoy fun sports."

- FSTHER VERGEER



#### **JEFF WILLIAMS** US - OLYMPIAN - TRACK AND FIELD

Jeff Williams became a sprinter when his college track coach noticed his speed as a football player. After graduating, he continued competing and was ranked #2 in the U.S. and #3 in the world in the 200-meter dash from 1994 to 1998. He earned a spot as a USA Olympic team member in 1992 and 1996. In response to Southern California school budget cuts eliminating physical education classes in the late '90s, Williams co-developed the Psychomotor program which features activities that build agility, coordination, endurance, and cognitive development in children. Psychomotor is still in use nationwide as a YMCA program offering. Today, Jeff coaches high school track and is the National Director of Track and Field for the non-profit Student Athlete International (SAI).

#### Nominated by

2014 Athletes in Excellence recipient, Candace Cable



### KELLY WORRELL US - PARA TRIATHLETE

A lifelong runner turned triathlete at 41, Kelly Worrell took silver in the 2018 Paratriathlon National Championship, was selected to represent Team USA, and has won gold and earned accolades like Elite Paratriathlon Development Athlete of the Year ever since. Ranked in the top 10 in the world in her sports class, she is working towards the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris. Besides her role as Northeast Regional Programs and Community Relations Manager for Challenged Athletes Foundation, she is a USAT Paratriathlon Level 1 Coach, team mentor/liaison between the U23 Para Triathlon Development Team and Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF), co-founder of Swim Bike Run 4 Equality Foundation promoting diversity and inclusion in the sport of triathlon, a Mentor for Sisters in Sport Foundation, and a volunteer assistant director/board member for the Athletes with Disabilities Network Northeast.

Nominated by

Challenged Athletes Foundation

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I am extremely passionate about sharing my experience and love for adaptive sports with my community through my work and mentorship. To be recognized for that is very special."

- KELLY WORRELL



### SHANE YOUNG US - U20 NATIONAL TEAM - RUGBY

After leading his high school rugby team to three state championships and being named MVP his senior year, Shane founded Florida Gulf Coast State University's rugby team, serving as club president and team captain. In 2012, at the age of twenty-two, Shane cofounded Memphis Inner City Rugby (MICR). With no budget, he leveraged the power of social media and funds from his teaching job to provide equipment, registration costs, rides, academic support, and case management to youth from some of the poorest zip codes in America. Over the next 5 years, MICR grew to serve hundreds of students and partnered with six schools. In 2017, Shane left teaching to focus on MICR full-time. Today, the program — which has been recognized as a best-in-class model of Sport-Based Youth Development — partners with 14 schools and counts professional rugby players as alumni.

#### Nominated by

2022 Athletes in Excellence recipient, Kevin Battle.

## **EXCEPTIONAL**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Education is a fundamental principle at GSD. We believe students should explore different fields of interest and become lifelong learners. To this end, we established the Exceptional Youth Scholarship in 2015, to reward high school seniors who are excelling in academics, community service, and leadership.

Our scholarship offers ten students pursuing higher education at accredited four-year institutions across the United States a one-time scholarship of \$10,000 to offset the cost of their freshman year.



ANDREA GAONA
Wilson High School
(Long Beach, CA)
UC Santa Barbara



MIGUEL MAYA

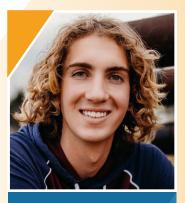
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(Healdsburg, CA)
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



CONNOR CHAVEZ
Sage Creek High School
(Carlsbad, CA)
New York University



KAITLIN LEWIS
View Park Preparatory High
School (Los Angeles, CA)
UC Santa Barbara



JACKSON DUTCHER

Natrona County High School
(Casper, WY)
South Dakota State Univ.



MYRAH MUNOZ
Coconino High School
(Flagstaff, AZ)
Northern Arizona University



JADE BERMUDEZ
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University of Arizona

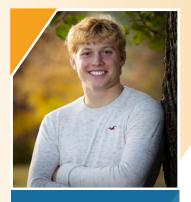


ROGELIO VEGA
Healdsburg High School
(Healdsburg, CA)
San Jose State University



LEO GARCIA-O'LEARY

Gretchen Whitney High
School (Artesia, CA)
UC Irvine



STEELER LEEP
Fairland High School
(Proctorville, OH)
Northwood University

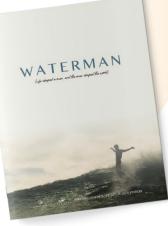
## WATERMAN

In 2021, our team completed *Waterman*, a documentary on the life and enduring legacy of Olympic champion and Ambassador of Aloha, Duke Paoa Kahanamoku. *Waterman* explores Duke's record-breaking athletic achievements, personal challenges, and his ultimate influence as a legendary swimmer, surfer, and social trailblazer. Narrated by Jason Momoa, and featuring insights from surfing's top names, including Olympic gold medalist Carissa Moore, the film captures Duke's spirit through rare footage, contemporary visuals, and compelling interviews.

#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

As part of our educational program for Waterman, we partnered with Pohaku Media to develop two discussion guides that offer enrichment opportunities that go beyond the film itself. The guides let audiences examine Waterman's themes and Duke's lasting impact through supplementary resources, including graphics, maps, and thought-provoking discussion prompts. The Educator Edition of the guide includes insights into Hawaii's rich history and culture tailored to classroom, lecture, and educational use.





Since *Waterman*'s release, we have collaborated with both domestic and international schools and nonprofits to facilitate free educational screenings of the documentary. There were 39 educational screenings with 1,200 viewers in 2023, bringing the total number since the 2022 launch of this program to 85 screenings with over 5,900 viewers.

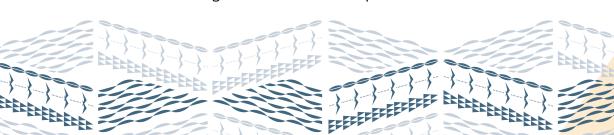
We were honored to have *Waterman* and the Educator Edition of the discussion guide incorporated into the Hawaii Department of Education's seventh grade curriculum in 2023. Through this initiative, seventh graders across Hawaii's public school system will view the film every year on August 24th to celebrate Duke Kahanamoku's birthday. The first such screening had the participation of 9,500 students from 58 schools. After watching the film and discussing it in class, students expressed a renewed appreciation of Duke – his character, the obstacles he overcame, and the enduring influence he had on sports.

#### **AWARDS**

After taking home 15 festival awards, *Waterman* was nominated for Outstanding Historical Documentary at the 2023 44th News and Documentary Emmy Awards. It was an honor to have our film recognized alongside the remarkable documentaries in this category. We take great pride in knowing how deeply Duke's story has resonated with audiences and will continue to help spread his message of aloha and inclusion around the world.

To learn more about the film, access the discussion guides, and stay informed about upcoming screenings, and festivals, visit:

watermanthemovie.com



## UNCLE BULLY'S SURF SKOOL

Uncle Bully's Surf Skool is a captivating short film that follows Lahaina surf instructor Bull "Uncle Bully" Kotter and how he pivots to give back to his community when the pandemic shutters his surf school. Amidst the uncertainty, Bully becomes a beacon of hope offering free surf lessons to the underserved and unhoused children of the area.







In August 2023, just two months before the film's premiere, the Maui wildfires devastated Lahaina, destroying hundreds of the town's homes and businesses, including Uncle Bully's. In the aftermath of the deadliest natural disaster in Hawaii's history, Kotter rallied the community and resumed his free surfing lessons for kids a mere week later.

The documentary serves as a poignant tribute to Lahaina, the resilience of its people, and the profound effect one individual can have on the lives of others.

We are proud to have partnered with the team at Inflatable Film to present the film and increase its impact through community screenings and educational guides.



#### **FILM FESTIVALS AND AWARDS**

Uncle Bully's Surf Skool premiered at the 2023 Hawai'i International Film Festival to an audience of 400 people and won Best Documentary Audience Award. The film also won Best Editing at the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase.



## SIDEWINDER FILMS COMPLETION FUNDS AWARD

This year, in collaboration with Decentralized Pictures (DCP), we introduced the Sidewinder Films Completion Funds Award to support emerging filmmakers. The award will provide up to \$200,000 in completion funds for engaging scripted or documentary films with a social impact. All projects are to be submitted through DCP's website.

DCP was co-founded by American Zoetrope (The Godfather Trilogy, Lost in Translation), the independent film company started by Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas in 1969 and now run by Roman, Sofia, and Gia Coppola. DCP aims to provide young filmmakers access to financing and Hollywood professionals to help execute their vision.







WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMPELLING PROJECTS THAT SHOWCASE OUR INNATE HUMANITY. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN 2024.



