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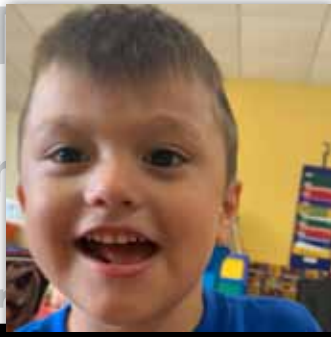
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**NISRA**  
Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association  
**Annual Report**  
**2019-20**



## Message from the Executive Director

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was off to a great start in the summer of 2019 as the Association launched its annual summer day camps, seasonal summer programs, and a new Leadership Greater McHenry County Internship program. Fall continued the positive energy as the NISRA office/Sage Therapeutic Recreation Center parking lot was completely redesigned and resurfaced to provide a safer and more usable parking area for participants, their families, NISRA staff and visitors. The Association's core values of Fun, Professional, Compassionate, Trustworthy and Innovative were evident in all we did in providing life enriching experiences to the wonderful people we serve.

The 2020 winter season was a typical, fun session with everyone looking forward to the warmth and rejuvenation of spring around the corner. Unfortunately, in March the global Coronavirus pandemic entered our lives. The spring program session had to be canceled. Stay-at-Home and Shelter-in-Place became the norm as we began to isolate ourselves for safety. Unfortunately for so many children, teens and adults served by NISRA, social isolation is a far too common experience even in the best of times. Something had to be done. Looking to our core values, the staff set about researching and developing new, innovative ways to deliver community therapeutic recreation services. A virtual world of recreation was created utilizing online services such as Zoom and YouTube to bring the joy of recreation and socialization into the homes of those not able to leave their home. New safety protocols were established to expand services. As appropriate and safe, NISRA was able to restart a limited number of in-person programs. Though the pandemic has forced a new "normal" on all of us, it has not extinguished the hope that in the not-so-distant future we'll be back to providing a full range of community therapeutic recreation and life enriching experiences.

Heading into the Holiday season and new year, we wish everyone the best of health and happiness. Please know that NISRA will continue to work diligently to fulfill its mission of providing meaningful recreation experiences. We greatly appreciate the outstanding support of the member park districts/municipalities, Foundation supporters, and NISRA staff and volunteers during these unprecedented times. Most of all we appreciate the participants, their families and caregivers for allowing us to serve them.

Happy Holidays one and all!  
Sincerely,



Jim Wiseman  
Executive Director





NISRA...enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.

The Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) is an extension of 13 park districts and municipalities:

- Barrington Park District
- Cary Park District
- Crystal Lake Park District
- Dundee Township Park District
- City of Elgin
- Hampshire Township Park District
- City of Harvard
- Huntley Park District
- Village of Lake in the Hills
- Marengo Park District
- City of McHenry
- Wauconda Park District
- City of Woodstock

NISRA is governed by a board composed of representatives from each of the member districts. The member districts provide policy & financial support, and space for NISRA programs in their recreation facilities.

NISRA was honored twice with the prestigious National Gold Medal Award for excellence in park and recreation management. In addition, NISRA programs and staff have earned local and state recognition with many other awards.

## 2019-20 Board of Directors

(May 2019-April 2020)

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Terry Jennings | <i>Barrington Park District</i>         |
| Dan Jones      | <i>Cary Park District</i>               |
| Jason Herbster | <i>Crystal Lake Park District</i>       |
| Dave Peterson  | <i>Dundee Township Park District</i>    |
| Maria Cumpata  | <i>City of Elgin</i>                    |
| Laura Schraw   | <i>Hampshire Township Park District</i> |
| Ryan Knop      | <i>City of Harvard</i>                  |
| Thom Palmer    | <i>Huntley Park District</i>            |
| Fred Mullard   | <i>Village of Lake in the Hills</i>     |
| Joseph Vallez  | <i>Marengo Park District</i>            |
| Bill Hobson    | <i>City of McHenry</i>                  |
| Nancy Burton   | <i>Wauconda Park District</i>           |
| Dave Zinnen    | <i>City of Woodstock</i>                |



“Can’t thank you all enough for the love, support, learning experiences, and care over the past 10 years. We are excited that he will be able to do more ‘big teenage things’ like trips and social events now that he is 14.”

—parent



# Annual Awards & Highlights

Nearly 200 guests paid tribute to individual award winners and community supporters at the Annual Recognition Night on March 10, 2020.

## Participant Awards

- Stephen McCluggage Courage Award*
- Ashley Ottaviano
- North Star Award (longevity)*
- Ryan Jenisch
- Rising Star Award*
- Thomas Hall
- Artist of the Year*
- James Royster
- Athlete of the Year*
- Austin Kremer
- Most Improved Athlete*
- Vincent Bramel



## NISRA & NISRA Foundation Awards

- Volunteer of the Year*
- James Cormier
- Part-time Staff "Comet"*
- Natalie Rimer
- Part time Staff "Shooting Star" (longevity)*
- Kate Sims
- Camp Staff Award "Cosmic Camp Staff"*
- Courtney Murray
- Camp Staff Award "Shining Star"*
- Julianne Pacana
- Family Member of the Year*
- Janice Stanley
- NISRA Foundation Outstanding Volunteer*
- Lisa Purcell, Top Cats of Illinois
- NISRA Exceptional Community Partners*
- Conni Stinek—Crystal Lake Racket Club
  - Georgio's Pizzeria & Pub
  - Harvard School District 50
  - Steve Gillie—Randall Oaks Golf Club
- NISRA Board President*
- Dan Jones
- NISRA Foundation Board President*
- Rochelle Donahue



## Contributors

Thanks to those who sponsored a participant:

- Ann Billa
- Rochelle Donahue
- Timothy Dunford
- Dawn Goerger
- Tammy Greco
- Thomas Hall
- Bernie Hewlett
- Rebecca Moore
- Maureen Rimer
- Carelin Ryan
- Greg Sexton
- Bob Staudt

## NISRA Values Recognition

- Fun:* Courtney Garcia  
*Professional:* Dawn Meyer  
*Compassionate:* Danae Molitor  
*Trustworthy:* Stacey Svadlenka  
*Innovative:* Nancy Terranova



"Great program (Learn to Ride a Bike). This is how my son learned. We tried, but couldn't do it ourselves."

—parent

## NISRA Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets—Year Ended April 30, 2020

### Operating Revenues

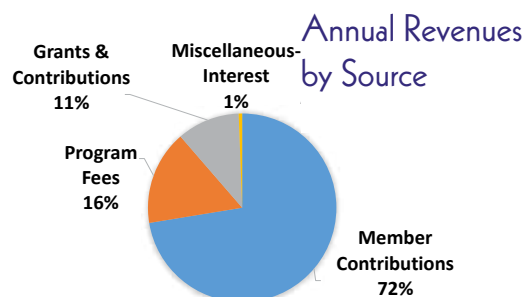
Member district dues	\$ 1,900,385
Program fees	425,877
Contributions/Grants/Fundraising	282,571
Miscellaneous-Interest	15,608
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>2,624,441</b>

### Operating Expenses

Special Recreation services	\$2,411,333
Capital	446,703
Debt Service	135,556
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,993,592</b>

**Change in Fund Net Position (357,871)**

<b>Net Position,</b>	
<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>891,774</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b>533,903</b>



# Highlights & Achievements

Since 1976, NISRA has provided year round recreation activities for local children, teens, and adults with disabilities. These noteworthy things occurred during NISRA and the NISRA Foundation's [fiscal year May 2019-April 2020](#). Although the Association has been under a member dues freeze since the 2008 recession, strong fiscal management and cost-cutting in some areas made it possible for new large projects to be undertaken.

The NISRA and NISRA website was completely redesigned for better appearance and navigation for visitors. New content areas were added, including opportunities to give online feedback to staff.



The office parking lot project was also undertaken to improve the customer experience at NISRA. The lot was completely redesigned for better flow and safety with pick-up and drop-off. Infrastructure, drainage and surface improvements will make the lot more viable for many years to come.



NISRA's athletics programs finally gained a mascot! A chance to vote on two mascot options was given to athletes and their families, and the NISRA Knights was chosen. A logo was created and began being used in communications and new NISRA Store apparel.



The Community Foundation for McHenry County selected NISRA for a generous \$15,000 Operating Grant. The timing allowed the Association to upgrade many staff computers to laptops, which has been a significant help during the remote work requirements of COVID-19.



NISRA and the NISRA Foundation partnered with Leadership of Greater McHenry County to host a summer intern. The relationship allowed for a student to gain insight into the services and administration of a not-for-profit organization, while also contributing hands-on support for summer programs and projects.



The Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies program for veteran service members with a disability continued to grow, and a second part-time staff member was hired to assist with the intake process.

When the fiscal year closed in April 2019, in conjunction with the onset of COVID-19, staff re-invented programs and services to connect with participants in the new virtual environment.

## Participation 2019-20

Individuals Served	1,160
Total Program Registrations	6,710
Inclusion Assistance/Individuals	171
Inclusion Assistance/Programs	171

# NISRA Foundation

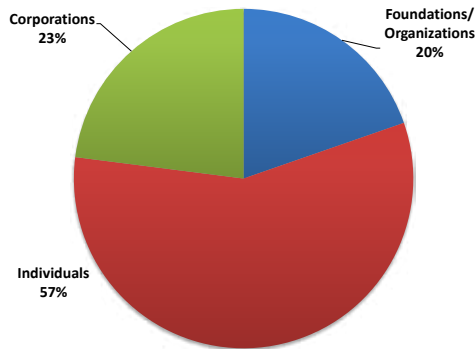
The NISRA Foundation contributes resources to assist NISRA in enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.

Created in 1991, the NISRA Foundation raises funds to support some of NISRA's unique programs and capital projects.

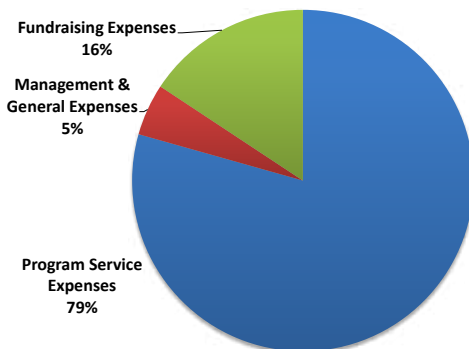
We know people have choices when it comes to charitable giving, and we're grateful when you choose to place your financial support—and confidence—in the NISRA Foundation.

Passionate for supporting NISRA's mission, we are dedicated to producing results. Full audited financials and our most recent IRS Form 990 are available.

## Revenue Sources



## Allocation of Expenses



For every \$1.00 given to NISRA Foundation:  
 79 cents goes to Program Service Expenses  
 16 cents goes to Fundraising Expenses  
 5 cents goes to Management & General Expenses

## 2019-20 NISRA Foundation Board of Directors (May 2019-April 2020)

Julie Amendt  
 Rochelle Donahue  
 Dawn Goerger  
 Tad Gralewski  
 Annette Hammortree

Pat Kallaus  
 Kevin Murray  
 Tracie Rose  
 Joseph Vallez  
 Jim Wiseman

## NISRA Foundation Statement of Activities for the Year Ended April 30, 2020

### Public Support & Revenues

Special Events	
Special Events Revenue	\$162,287
Less: Costs of Direct	
Benefits to Donors	<u>79,089</u>
Net Special Events Revenue	83,198
Contributions	105,435
Donated Services	49,520
Interest	1,401
Net Assets Released from	
Restrictions	0

**Total Public Support & Revenues 239,554**

### Expenses and Losses

Functional Expenses	
Program Services	
Outgoing Grants	\$ 176,794
In-kind Goods & Services	49,520
Staff Development	35,000
Office Expenses & Supplies	10,940
Fundraising	3,000

**Total Expenses & Losses 275,254**

**Change in Net Assets (35,700)**

<b>Net Assets,</b>	
<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>131,498</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b>95,798</b>

Note: The NISRA Foundation's purpose is to provide financial support for NISRA program services. The NISRA Foundation Board of Directors made a conscious decision to reduce the Foundation's financial reserves by granting additional financial resources above what was raised in FY 2019/20 in order to benefit NISRA program participants. NISRA is grateful for this Board action.





# NISRA & NISRA Foundation Contributors

Thank you to those who made financial donations, or supported fundraisers during the fiscal year,  
May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020

## 2019-20 NISRA Foundation Corporate Partners (May 2019-April 2020)

Ed & Rochelle Donahue  
Hammortree Financial  
PGL  
Ronald & Karen Schroeder  
Stryker

### •\$20,000-250,000 NISRA Foundation Grant

•\$10,000-19,999  
Bunker Hill Charities  
Community Foundation for  
McHenry County  
Mental Health Resource League of  
McHenry County

•\$5,000-9,999  
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*NISRA also thanks our many friends  
who donated auction items; bought  
tables, tickets & foursomes; bid for  
auction items or took chances on  
raffle prizes.  
We also thank families of  
participants who donated their  
program credits back to NISRA.*



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We strive to be 100% accurate. If errors or omissions exist, we are truly sorry. Please notify us and we will make the correction.



Outgoing Grants & Expenses

With its 2020 grant to NISRA, the NISRA Foundation exceeded \$2.2 million in cumulative contributions to NISRA! The outstanding effort of Foundation Board members, committee and event volunteers, and donors made it possible for the Foundation to allocate the following grants in early 2020 to NISRA for these 2019-20 programs and projects:

Table listing various grants and expenses such as Accessible bus replacement, NISRA Day Camp, Staffing/Office Support, etc., with corresponding amounts.

Total Contribution to NISRA ..... \$216,237

“NISRA camps are outstanding and were a highlight of my son’s summer from 4 years old to 20 years old. He had a blast, made lots of friends and developed social skills that continue to benefit him today! Thank you NISRA!”

—parent

