

YOUR 2021 DONOR IMPACT REPORT



LITTLE MOMENTS. BIG IMPACT.



**THE ABILITY
EXPERIENCE**

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THANK YOU for
making the little
moments possible.

Witnessing twenty-four men cycle across the state of Florida this spring during our first in person event since 2019. Creating opportunities for people of all abilities to meet and share time with each other in ways that encourage friendships to take root and flourish. Jogging alongside a friend with a disability as she gains independence and confidence.

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“The heart of the mission
is in the little moments”.

Helping each other enjoy new experiences
and appreciate life more fully during
the pandemic.

These milestones are to be celebrated.

Thanks to **YOU**, these moments have
a tremendous ripple effect in the lives
of thousands of our friends across the
country. **You helped us build a stronger
community this year and we are so
very grateful!**

Thank you for responding to our call for
help this year through compassionate
service. Thank you for being present
with The Ability Experience in the little
moments that make a big impact.

With gratitude,


Basil Lyberg
The Ability Experience CEO

A “No Limits Ramp”

Betty has multiple sclerosis and could not leave her house. She needed help and didn't know where to turn.

She had been working for over seven months to find a local organization to help build her a wheelchair ramp to get in and out of her home. Her efforts repeatedly fell through, and she was feeling very discouraged.

But then you came to the rescue. Because of your kind heart and swift action, Betty got the help she needed!



“It was really, really bad,” Betty shared. “But once your team showed up, they started building the most beautiful, sturdy wheelchair ramp I had ever seen. I knew that I had called the right people.”

Before you provided support, Betty felt embarrassed and struggled to feel connected.

Like many people with disabilities during the pandemic, she was feeling extremely isolated, and her inability to walk outside safely didn't help.

Whenever she needed to leave her house, she was forced to call the fire department to carry her in and out of her home. This drain on public resources troubled her deeply and made her feel like a burden.

Now, because of your kindness and generosity, Betty feels free and full of hope and pride. You made it possible for her to enter her home with confidence. That's no simple feat.

Betty's spirits are lifted. And that's all because of you. Thank you for giving her a new lease on life!

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“I am over the moon. Now I have a safe porch space for walking and I can walk safely to the yard. I am calling this my No Limits Ramp”.

-Betty



Getting That Extra Push

Sam was shy and feeling anxious. He was uncertain about having visitors, being outside, and making conversation. All the things that make a Friendship Visit fun were the things that made Sam sweat.

The Journey of Hope team was planning to visit Sam and his friends at LIFE of Mississippi.

But Shirley, the program coordinator there, was uncertain about how things might go for Sam. She knew his level of concern about pushing his own wheelchair outside and being with strangers for the first time since last March.

But your gift helped him make a friend! You gave him a safe place to be himself, to smile and get comfortable in his own skin – and you didn't stop there!

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“You had to be there to experience the true joy!”.

-Shirley

Next, you helped Sam gain the confidence to push his own wheelchair. For the first time in over a year he didn't need to ask for help. “You had to be there to experience the true joy,” Shirley commented. “The team this year was THE BEST. The real deal.”

Today, Sam has a smile on his face. His confidence and independence are sky high, and that is all thanks to you.



A 32-Year Tradition

It's been a difficult year for Karyn and the people with disabilities in her care.

As everyone was preparing for the Friendship Visit, Karyn was eager to finally give her clients a gift they'd been dreaming of for fifteen long months: a visit with the riders of the Journey of Hope.

It's devastating when the vulnerable people that are in Karyn's care suffer. When they're not getting the opportunities to be seen, heard, and validated. **But then you gave Karyn and her team the inspiration they needed to pull off a fantastic event.**

Karyn's organization has hosted the men of Journey of Hope for thirty-one years and no one wanted to see this tradition come to an end because of the pandemic.

So, with your generous support, Karyn and her team got creative.

They hosted a drive-thru (and Zoom!) meet and greet between their clients and the Journey of Hope cyclists. With horns honking, and flags flying, the men greeted each client with a warm hello.

The meet and greet event evolved into a dance party with lots of laughs and smiles.

"Thank you for all of your flexibility," Karyn shared. "Our participants were very worried that their favorite event of the year would be canceled due to COVID."

And it all started with you. When they needed it most, you were there. When they needed a friend, you gave them the men of Pi Kappa Phi. **You not only changed their lives. You gave them the gift of reconnection.**

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"The team this year brought much-needed joy, hope, and laughter".

-Karyn

The Impact of Your **Compassion in Action** in 2021



172

special and amazing
recurring donors to the
organization



33,060

hours supporting people
with disabilities through
cycling events



\$31,000

awarded in grants to
organizations across
the country



75

visits with
organizations serving
people with disabilities



328

volunteers and
sponsors that fed or
housed a team



112

participants in the
#TeamAbEx Virtual
Series this spring



Our Mission

We use shared experiences to support people with disabilities and develop the men of Pi Kappa Phi into servant leaders.

Our Vision

Create a community, one relationship at a time, where the abilities of all people are recognized and valued.

Our Values

Abilities, Teamwork, Empathy and Integrity