



Annual Report FY 2017-2018

(June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018)



“There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle.”

-Deepak Chopra





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Mission

SEASPAR provides dynamic recreation programs and quality services for its residents with disabilities.

Vision

Discover Abilities • Achieve Potential • Realize Dreams

Core Values

Fun • Excellence • Service • Respect • Accountability

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Member Entities & Representatives

- Lisle Park District** • Dan Garvy, President
- Woodridge Park District** • Mike Adams, Vice President
- Park District of La Grange** • Dean Bissias, Secretary
- Darien Park District** • Stephanie Gurgone, Treasurer
- Village of Brookfield** • Arlene Rovner
- Clarendon Hills Park District** • Kelly Smith
- Downers Grove Park District** • Bill McAdam
- Village of Indian Head Park** • Brenda O'Laughlin
- Community Park District of La Grange Park** • Aleks Briedis
- Lemont Park District** • Louise Egofske
- Village of Western Springs** • Raymond Jasica
- Westmont Park District** • Bob Fleck

programming: children & young teens

Weekly Programs

SEASPAR's weekly programs for children and young teens allow these participants to develop skills, socialize with peers, engage in physical activity, and more – all in a fun and supportive recreation environment! This year's most popular weekly programs for our young friends included:

Gymnastics • Karate • Kids Club • Swimming Lessons • Teen Excursion

Special Events

Special events offer young participants the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and favorite activities with their SEASPAR friends. Just a few highlights from this year's lineup of special events for kids included:

**Bingo Bowling • Day Off School • Lunch and a Movie • Open Gym
Water Park Wonderland**

Summer Day Camps

When school is out, SEASPAR is IN! We offer multiple day camps each summer to provide a structured environment for ages 3–22 to enjoy productive leisure activities. These include collaborative camps for students in extended school year programs with the La Grange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE), Lemont District 113A, Lemont High School, and – new for 2017 – La Grange District 102. The theme for this year's summer camp was “The Great Outdoors,” and the program lineup included:

**Kids Camp
Teen & Adult Camp
Camp Carefree
Bursting with Fun Camp**

**Extended Bursting with Fun Camp
Little Adventure Camp
Adventure Camp I
Adventure Camp II**

Well-received improvements for the 2017 summer camp season included extending the camp day for Kids Camp, Teen & Adult Camp, and Camp Carefree, and offering a new full-day option for Adventure Camps.



Summer Camp Stats

71 Participants

156 Program Registrations

8,293 Service Hours

programming: teens & adults



EAGLES Stats

71 Participants

301 Program Registrations

55,362 Service Hours

Weekly Programs

SEASPAR's weekly programs for teens and adults use fun recreation activities to encourage personal development, healthy lifestyles, self-expression, and more! This year's most popular weekly programs for ages 16 and older included:

Actors Guild • Alley Cats • Glee Club • Music/Voice Lessons • Social Club

Special Events

Our special events are THE place to be for our teen and adult participants! These events, which range from sporting events to plays to museums to dances and more, almost always fill to capacity. Favorite events from this year included:

**Boo Bash • Fun Fair • Holiday Dinner Dance • New Year's Bash
Norman B. Barr Camp**

Each year, we plan a very special excursion for adult participants, and in August 2017 we traveled with 13 participants to Georgia and South Carolina. We took a historic trolley tour in Savannah, enjoyed a day trip to Hilton Head Island, explored Tybee Island and Fort Pulaski, and cruised the Savannah River, making memories that will last a lifetime!

EAGLES Adult Day Program

EAGLES is our year-round, community-based program that incorporates therapeutic recreation to help adults ages 18-50 with developmental disabilities **Enhance Adult Growth** through **Lifestyle Education and Service**.

EAGLES emphasizes leisure independence, community outings, and social interaction with peers, with a special focus on making healthy choices through its "Commit to Be Fit" program, which includes an annual 5K Walk, Run and Roll-A-Thon. A spring break trip and fall camping trip are offered each year as well.

The EAGLES program continues to soar with three sites in Brookfield, Darien, and Lisle, all at or near full capacity.

programming: specific disabilities

Adapted Sports

SEASPAR's adapted sports program ensures that physical, visual, or hearing impairments don't stop our participants from enjoying the challenges and rewards of participating in team and individual sports. We are a Paralympics Club and have joined other agencies to host clinics and competitions for youth and adults with physical disabilities. We offer training programs on a seasonal basis which may include:

**Adapted Boccia • Goalball • Power Soccer • Revelation Golf
Sled Hockey • Wheelchair Softball • Wheelchair Table Tennis**

In May of 2018, we hosted our second annual Power Soccer tournament, the SEASPAR Steel Cup, at the Park District of La Grange. The Cedar Rapids Power Soccer Association

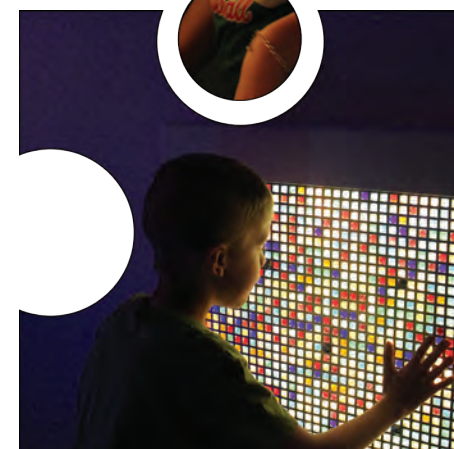
Power Eagles team traveled from Iowa to join our team, the SEASPAR Steel, for this recreational tournament. With a little help from new "superpower" wheelchairs SEASPAR purchased for the program this year, the Steel team won their first two games since the inception of our Power Soccer program, and SEASPAR won the Steel Cup!



Wonders Multi-Sensory Room

SEASPAR's award-winning Wonders Multi-Sensory Room at the Lisle Park District contains specially-designed interactive equipment that appeals to the auditory, tactile, olfactory, and visual senses. The room primarily benefits individuals of any age with autism/autism spectrum disorders, sensory processing disorders, ADHD, and dementia. Just a few of the programs and events offered at Wonders this year included:

Sensory Explorers • Sensory Sunday • Swim & Sensory • Teen Overnight



programming: special olympics

Special Olympics Sports

SEASPAR offers training in Special Olympics sports to help participants with intellectual disabilities develop athletic skills, practice teamwork and sportsmanship, and build self-confidence. This year, training was offered in the following 16 sports:

**Alpine Skiing • Athletics (Track & Field) • Basketball • Bocce • Bowling
Flag Football • Floor Hockey • Golf • Gymnastics (Artistic) • Powerlifting
Snowshoeing • Soccer • Softball • Swimming • Tennis • Volleyball**

Special Olympics Competitions

Our Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to participate in local Special Olympics events and other competitions. Those who earn gold medals in local Special Olympics events qualify for State competitions. The following athletes qualified for State competitions, and those marked with an asterisk earned gold medals at the State level:

Alpine Skiing

Michael Duffy

Artistic Gymnastics

Anna Cavallo*
Michaela Tauer
Kari Winter*

Athletics

James Deinzer
Randy Naberhaus

Bocce

Jason Catalano
Ron Kamper
William Porch

Bowling

Abby Benco*

Floor Hockey

Nathan Church
Roland Pilizota

Golf

Michele Forzley
Wayne Neumann
Sam Smetko
Molly Sosnowski

Powerlifting

Emily Lundvall*
Allen Rosete*

Snowshoeing

Michael Drabik
William Porch*

Soccer

Nathan Church

Swimming

Nate Buresch*
Jason Grudem
Samantha Henderson
Ryan McGuire
Aidan Metzl*
Conor Mulcahy*
Mark Ploskonka
William Porch*

Swimming (Cont.)

Adam Sikora
Sam Smetko*
Daniel Smrokowski
Chris Tegeler

Volleyball

Mark Buglio
Sarah Cavanaugh
Nathan Church
Melissa Engelhardt
Emily Kula
Erin Mannix
Ben Sojka
Molly Sosnowski
Andrew Worzalla



Special Olympics Stats

109 Athletes

304 Program Registrations

6,172 Service Hours

partnerships: programming

Cooperative Programming

We partner with many organizations to offer cooperative recreation programs. These agencies may include nursing homes, disability-specific organizations, group homes, and more. Some of the activities offered are trips to zoos, movie theaters, and restaurants, as well as in-house programs such as dancing, arts and crafts, and sports. By sharing resources with these organizations, we are able to provide services to a wider range of individuals with disabilities. This year, we provided programming for the following agencies:

Briar Place Nursing and Rehabilitation, Indian Head Park

Brookdale Senior Living, Lisle

Cantata Adult Life Services, Brookfield

Center for Independence Through Conductive Education, Countryside

Spectrum Vocational Services, Downers Grove

Drop In Center

In cooperation with the DuPage County Health Department, SEASPAR hosts a monthly Drop In Center at the Westmont Community Center. The Drop In Center provides adults who have mental health needs an opportunity to spend leisure time in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The program includes a variety of in-house activities and trips to places in the surrounding communities, and is free for all who attend.

Home Front Health

We are proud to partner with the Downers Grove Park District and Lemont Park District to offer Home Front Health, a free program for veterans who have a disability rating of 10% or higher and reside in Downers Grove or Lemont. Home Front Health combines program elements to meet the physical and social health needs of veterans, and includes a fitness center membership, personal training sessions, and additional recreational programming.



Home Front Health Stats

14 Downers Grove
Participants

17 Lemont Participants

partnerships: schools

Leisure Education Stats

109 Participants

118 Program Registrations

1,107 Service Hours



Leisure Education

SEASPAR's Leisure Education program is offered in cooperation with schools whose population consists of at least 50% SEASPAR residents. The program was developed to provide students with disabilities with an increased awareness of healthy and beneficial leisure activities. Our staff work with the school staff to plan appropriate activities with the goal that the students will develop recreation interests and later enjoy these activities with their family and friends. This year, we provided leisure education programming for the following schools:

**Concord Elementary School, Darien • Eisenhower Junior High School, Darien
Hinsdale Central High School, Hinsdale • Hinsdale Middle School, Hinsdale
Hinsdale South High School, Darien • Maercker Elementary School, Westmont
Meadowview Elementary School, Woodridge • Oak Elementary School, Hinsdale
Old Quarry Middle School, Lemont • Tate Woods Elementary School, Lisle**

Ability Awareness

A unique service that SEASPAR provides to area schools is our Ability Awareness program, which educates non-disabled students about interacting with people with disabilities. Our staff make this a fun and engaging experience, teaching the students how to play wheelchair basketball, practicing sign language, and more, all while advancing the message of kindness and acceptance. This year, we offered Ability Awareness programs at two schools:

St. Francis Xavier School, La Grange – Sixty 6th grade students participated in our 9th annual program at the school on October 17, 2017. In turn, the students, along with their parents and teachers, volunteer at SEASPAR programs and events, including a special bowling event in December.

La Grange Highlands Middle School, La Grange – One hundred 6th grade students participated in our 2nd annual program at the school on March 15, 2018.

partnerships: inclusion & more

Inclusion Services

For many individuals with disabilities, participating alongside their peers without disabilities can be a beneficial and rewarding experience! So when a person with a disability would like to participate in one of our member entities' recreation programs, SEASPAR helps make it happen through inclusion services. We provide services to make these programs accessible by training staff, adapting activities, developing behavioral modifications, and/or providing additional support staff, all depending on the participant's unique needs.

The need for this area of our services continues to grow each year, as shown in the chart below which provides the number of participants receiving inclusion services from SEASPAR each program season over the last four years.

	Fall	Winter/Spring	Summer	Total	% Change
2014/15	46	50	104	200	--
2015/16	56	58	106	220	+10%
2016/17	48	51	148	247	+12%
2017/18	69	79	133	281	+14%



Other Partnerships

SEASPAR embraces partnerships with a variety of organizations to provide mutually beneficial services, enhance programming for our participants, reduce costs, and more. Miscellaneous partnerships we enjoyed this year include:

Brookfield Zoo: Zoo provided free admission to participants for a special recreation association (SRA) day.

City of Darien: City provided fuel for SEASPAR vehicles at a reduced cost.

Downers Grove Police Department: Police officer visited a SEASPAR Social Club to spend time with participants.

Downers Grove School District 58: School District provided space for 2017 Kids Camp at no cost to SEASPAR.

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County: SEASPAR provided Ability Awareness program; Forest Preserve District provided free SRA Day.

Village of Brookfield: Village provided fuel for SEASPAR vehicles at a reduced cost.

Village of Downers Grove: Village maintained and provided fuel for SEASPAR vehicles at a reduced cost.

Western Springs Police Department: Police officer visited a SEASPAR Social Club to spend time with participants.

staff & volunteers

Full-Time Staff

Lisa Barrera, CTRS – Inclusion Manager

Matthew R. Corso, CTRS, CPRP – Executive Director

Nicole Guzior – Administrative Assistant

Aaron Hirthe, CPRP – Recreation Coordinator

Kimberly A. Huggins, CPRP – Recreation Coordinator

Carol Koczek – Administrative Services Manager

Dawn Krawiec, CPRP – Day Program Manager

Karen Lesniak – Superintendent of Administrative Services

Morgan Mason, CPRP – Marketing Coordinator

Catherine A. Morava, CPRP – Superintendent of Recreation

Greg Pavesich, CPRP – Recreation Coordinator

Rachel Pavesich, CTRS – Recreation Coordinator

Lisa Rasin – Fund Development Coordinator

Shannon Tovey, CTRS – Support Staff Manager

Part-Time Staff & Volunteer Stats

SEASPAR would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their dedication, loyalty, and commitment to our mission and participants.

145 Weekly Program and Special Event Staff

81 Inclusion Services Staff

11 EAGLES Adult Day Program Staff

223 Volunteers

2,300 Volunteer Hours Served

\$26,450 Staff Cost Savings from Volunteers

Volunteer Groups

Benedictine University

Benet Academy

The Card Ladies

Kohl's Cares

La Grange Highlands LEO Club

Level UP Basketball Academy

Lisle Teens with Character

Midwestern University

St. Francis Xavier School

Part-Time Staff & Volunteer Recognition

At SEASPAR's Believe & Achieve Recognition Banquet in May 2018, part-time staff and volunteers were recognized for outstanding service with special awards.

Super Star Award (>3 years of service) – Bob Ackermann, Program Supervisor

Leading Light Award (<3 years of service) – Sue Willis, Inclusion Aide

Virtuous Volunteer Award – Ann Saladino, Volunteer Program Assistant

participants: overview

Participation By the Numbers

Program, Registration, and Service Hour Stats

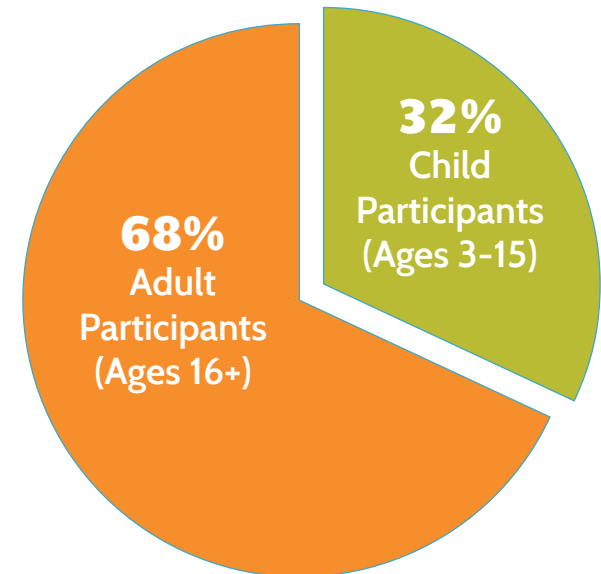
	Number of Programs	Number of Registrations	Number of Service Hours
Weekly Programs	301	2,064	27,591
Special Events	127	2,194	15,190
Special Olympics	36	304	6,172
Day Camp	6	156	8,293
EAGLES Adult Day Program	9	301	55,362
Wonders Multi-Sensory Room	22	124	298
Adapted Programs	8	65	359
Inclusion Services	183	182	13,921
Leisure Education	16	118	1,107
Totals	708 Programs	5,508 Registrations	128,293 Service Hours

Note: Participation data from cooperative programming, the Drop In Center, and the Home Front Health program are not reflected in these totals.

Participant Stats

1,160

Total Participants



participants: recognition

Participant Awards

At our Believe & Achieve Recognition Banquet held in May each year, SEASPAR honors outstanding program participants with special awards. Join us in congratulating the following recipients from 2018!

Athlete of the Year – Samantha Wagner

Samantha Wagner of Woodridge received SEASPAR's Athlete of the Year award, which is presented to a participant in SEASPAR's athletics programming who displays a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, teamwork, knowledge of the game, and skill.

Samantha joined our Special Olympics Volleyball program in 2015, and after that first season as a Spartan, she also joined the Basketball program and would go on to join the Flag Football program in 2017 as the lone female player on the team. Despite her small stature, Samantha has no trouble holding her own on the court or the field, and she is known among her coaches and teammates for her athleticism, kindness, and willingness to do whatever is best for her team.



Cultural Artist of the Year – Owen Murphy

Owen Murphy of Downers Grove received SEASPAR's Cultural Artist of the Year Award, which is presented to a participant in SEASPAR's cultural arts programming who recognizes the importance of cultural arts.

Thirteen-year-old Owen has cerebral palsy and spina bifida which impact his mobility, but he participates in our Adapted Music Lessons program which uses touchpad instruments to make music. Over the last two years, Owen has discovered an ability to pair instruments and match notes and pitches to create original compositions and arrange them to his favorite songs. Even though Owen is a quiet young man, his music has become a voice through which he can express himself.



Rising Star Award – Becky Cavanagh

Becky Cavanagh of Clarendon Hills received SEASPAR's new recognition introduced this year, the Rising Star Award, which is presented to a participant in our youth programming who has a positive attitude and positive interactions with their peers and staff.

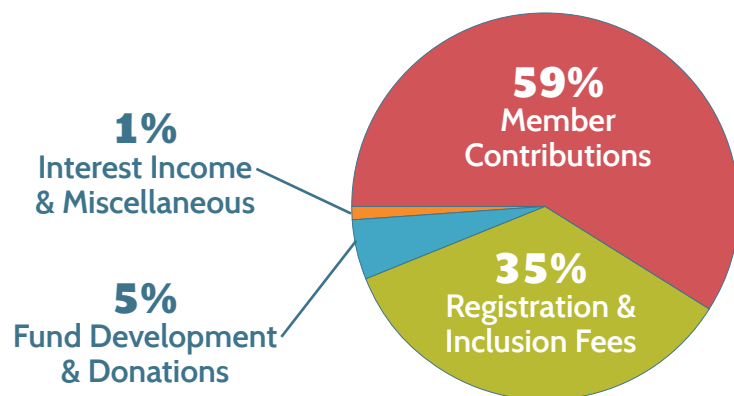
Becky was the youngest-ever SEASPAR participant at only 23 months old when she first rode the Serena's Song accessible hot air balloon that we sponsor each year at the Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival. Becky, now 12 years old, continues participating in our programs and is also an accomplished Special Olympics athlete, becoming a Global Messenger at just 10 years old.



financials: revenue & expenditures

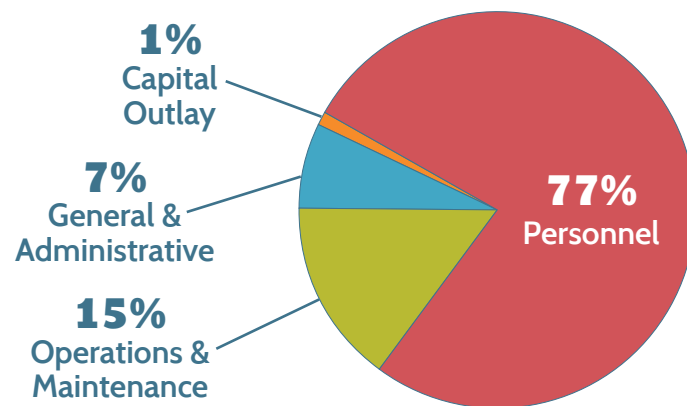
Revenue Analysis: FY 2017-2018

Revenues	Total	Percentage
Member Entity Contributions	\$ 1,603,625	59%
Registration Fees	\$ 799,786	29%
Inclusion Fees	\$ 171,582	6%
Fund Development	\$ 73,173	3%
Donations	\$ 54,117	2%
Interest Income	\$ 27,773	1%
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,508	0%
Total Revenues	\$ 2,737,564	



Expenditure Analysis: FY 2017-2018

Expenditures	Total	Percentage
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,501,088	59%
Other Personnel Costs	\$ 450,178	18%
Other Operations & Maintenance Costs	\$ 392,218	15%
Other General & Administrative Costs	\$ 181,626	7%
Capital Outlay	\$ 37,580	1%
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,562,690	



Note: Revenue and expenditure data is derived from financial statements developed by an independent auditor; however, these statements had not yet been officially accepted by SEASPAR's Board of Directors at the time of this publication's printing. The current annual financial report may be downloaded from SEASPAR's website at SEASPAR.org/FOIA.

Fee Assistance Program

SEASPAR is committed to offering programs at the lowest possible cost. However, due to financial restrictions, some individuals may find it difficult to pay the entire fee. To help those in need, a significant amount of funds are made available for participants through the generosity of community organizations and individual donors. In FY 2017-2018, **\$16,735** of funds earmarked for fee assistance was distributed. We appreciate this support which allows participants to benefit from activities.

financials: fundraisers

Fundraising Events

Each year, SEASPAR hosts fundraising events to generate income to enhance our programs and services. This year, the following events raised nearly **\$40,000**.

Summer Golf Classic: Fifty golfers participated in this 15th annual 18-hole outing, hosted in partnership with the Village Greens of Woodridge on July 28, 2017. A total of **\$6,373** was raised.

Trivia Challenge: This sixth annual event was hosted on October 20, 2017, in partnership with American Legion Post 80 in Downers Grove. Nearly 250 people attended, raising **\$9,593**. Republic Bank was a Platinum Sponsor of the event, and Community Bank of Downers Grove was a Silver Sponsor.

Holiday Shopping Night: On December 7, 2017, we partnered with downtown Downers Grove businesses 221 Creations, Avec Panache, Briosa Boutique, Evelyn Jane Boutique, My Special Toy Store, and Style Studio for the Holiday Shopping Night. Twenty percent of the stores' sales from the evening was donated to SEASPAR, totaling **\$1,210**.

Fish Fry Fundraiser: Seventy-seven hungry supporters attended our third annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on March 15, 2018 at Wheatstack in Lisle, raising **\$500**.

Level UP 3x3 Basketball Tournament: Hosted in partnership with Level UP Basketball Academy of Downers Grove, this third annual basketball tournament had more than 225 participants and raised **\$4,000** on April 14, 2018.

The Four C Notes Concert: Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute The Four C Notes performed for nearly 600 fans and SEASPAR supporters on April 19, 2018. This event, hosted in partnership with the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove, raised **\$10,002**. BankFinancial was a Bronze Sponsor.

Plant Sale Fundraiser: On May 5 and 8, 2018, we partnered with Bronswood Greenhouse in Oak Brook for the Plant Sale Fundraiser. Twenty percent of sales from those two days was donated to SEASPAR, totaling **\$2,732**.

Chip In for SEASPAR: Twenty-four golfers participated in this nine-hole outing, hosted in partnership with the Downers Grove Golf Club on May 11, 2018. A total of **\$815** was raised.

Walk and Roll-A-Thon: Seven participants and their families collected pledges and took to the trail at Ebersold Park on May 20, 2018 for the 18th annual Walk and Roll-A-Thon. The event raised **\$4,527**, with a Silver Sponsorship from Community Bank of Downers Grove.



financials: donors & grants

Corporate/Foundation/Government Donors

SEASPAR thanks the following businesses and organizations for their financial and in-kind contributions to support our work in FY 2017-2018.

221 Creations	Chama Gaucha	Fox Bend Golf Course	MG Computer
2Twenty2 Tavern	Change Healthcare	Fresh Thyme Market	Midwestern University
Abbingtion Banquets	Chicago Dental Society	Full-Serv Oil Change	My Special Toy Store
Advocate Good	Chicagoland Bowling	Garnet Nails	Olive Garden
Samaritan Hospital	Proprietors Assoc	Gatto's	Papas Pizza Place
Allstate Giving Campaign	Clarendon Hills Park	Gelsosomo's	Pappa's Pizza
AmazonSmile	District	Robert Girgis DDS	Paradise Cafe
Foundation	Community Bank of	GoodWorld	Parkers' Restaurant
Ancel, Glink, Diamond,	Downers Grove	Google Ad Grants	Patrick Commercial Real
Bush, DiCianni &	Cook County State's	Grohne Family	Estate
Krafthefer PC	Attorney's Office	Foundation	PayPal Giving Fund
Anderson's Bookshop	Costco	Grove Dental Associates	Perma-Seal
Apple Dental Center	Culver's	The Grove Foundation	Republic Bank
Arboretum Wealth &	W.S. Darley & Co	Heritage House Florist	Rocco & Rocco
Trust Management	Data-Tel	Hilton Lisle/Naperville	RTT Cycle Shop
Avec Panache LLC	Devon Bristol Seafood	Holy Cow Sports	Spenga
Babich & Associates	Grill	Home & Manor	Style Studio
The Baked Apple	Dinami Fitness LLC	Home Depot	Suburban Door Check
Breakfast Co	Downers Grove	Home Run Inn Pizza	and Lock Service
BankFinancial	Economic	Houghton Mifflin	Suburbanite Bowl
Barbakoa	Development Corp	Harcourt	Subway
Bent Corporation	Downers Grove Park	Jameson's Charhouse	Tivoli Theatre
Berto's Deli & Pasta	District	Jeans and a Cute Top	Trader Joe's
Shope	Downtown Downers	Shop	Truist
Blooming Color	Grove Management	Jewel-Osco	TW Group
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Corp	King Keyser Sports	David & Bridget Van
of Illinois	DuPage Foundation	Kohl's	Eekeen Charitable
Bob Carter's Auto Body	DuPage Medical Group	Law Office of Gina L.	Fund
Brainsearch Inc	Charitable Fund	Madden, Attorney at	Village of Western
Brio Tuscan Grille	Emmett's Ale House	Law	Springs
Brook Park School Staff	Evelyn Jane Boutique	The Lemon Tree LLC	Weber Grill
Buca di Beppo	Fairview Dental Care	Lemont Park District	Wheatstack
Buffalo Wild Wings	FLEXCO	Lisle Park District	Wintrust Financial Corp
Capri	Flint Architects	Lisle Savings Bank	Woodridge Park District
Cassano's Pizzeria	Forzley Eye Clinic	Lyndex-Nikken	Your Cause

Service Club Gifts

SEASPAR recognizes the following service clubs for donating to our programs in FY 2017-2018.

Clarendon Hills Lion Club
Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club
Downers Grove Rotary Club
Knights of Columbus, St John Council #3738
Knights of Columbus, Robert P Connelly Council #5918
Knights of Columbus, Father John Guiney Council #8522
Knights of Columbus, Bishop James Fitzgerald Council #14649
Knights of Columbus, St Joan of Arc Council #15168
Knights of Columbus, St Mary of Gostyn Council #16062
Lemont-Homer Glen Rotary Club
Lisle Lions Club
Lisle Rotary Club
United SERTOMA
Woodridge Rotary Club

Individual Donors

SEASPAR is very grateful for all of the generous donations we received from individual donors in FY 2017-2018, including those from our Annual Appeal. Individual donors are recognized in our seasonal program guide and on our website at SEASPAR.org/donations/donors.

This list included donations received between June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. We apologize if there are any errors or omissions. Please bring any concerns to our attention at 630.960.7600 so we can correct our records.

financials: donor recognition

DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund

The **DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund**, a donor-advised fund of the DuPage Foundation, was developed as a means for the physicians of DuPage Medical Group to give back to their community. In 2015, the Fund presented its first of four grants to SEASPAR to initiate a “Commit to Be Fit” program for participants in our EAGLES Adult Day Program. This first grant of **\$14,607** immediately changed the EAGLES culture to a more health-focused environment through education, meal planning, and exercise.

The Fund awarded additional grants to SEASPAR in 2016 (**\$14,607**) and 2017 (**\$15,000**). The money has been used to purchase Fitbits for the EAGLES, organize an annual 5K, plant gardens, and much more. In 2017, we recognized the Fund’s philanthropy with our Community Partner Award, but the generosity did not end there. In February 2018, SEASPAR was selected as one of two organizations to receive proceeds from its “Fund a Need” campaign at its Care Affair event. This resulted in an additional grant of **\$22,177**. With its financial support now totaling an amazing **\$66,391**, the DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund has helped our participants embrace healthy habits that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.



Level UP Basketball Academy

Level UP Basketball Academy of Downers Grove was formed in 2011 to provide children with high level basketball coaching in a positive, fun, and encouraging environment. Level UP began partnering with SEASPAR in 2015 by inviting its athletes to practice with our Special Olympics basketball teams and encouraging its athletes and their families to volunteer at SEASPAR athletic events. In 2016, Level UP began hosting an annual basketball tournament fundraiser to benefit our Special Olympics programming. This year’s event alone had 54 teams and raised **\$4,000**, all of which was donated to SEASPAR. Over the last three years, Level UP has donated an incredible **\$13,000**. At our Believe & Achieve Recognition Banquet held in May 2018, SEASPAR presented Level UP with our Community Partner of the Year award.

organizational highlights

New Leadership

In July 2017, **Susan Friend retired from her position as Executive Director of SEASPAR** after 38 years with the organization. She was celebrated for her significant contributions to SEASPAR's extensive growth in the number of communities served, programs offered, and individuals served by the agency during her tenure.

The role of Executive Director was filled by Matthew Corso, a 27-year veteran of special recreation, with 13 of those years spent at SEASPAR. During his first year in his new position, he has focused on identifying opportunities for program development, streamlining customer service processes, and reorganizing full-time staff duties to maximize efficiency.

Matthew's leadership is not limited to SEASPAR, as he was sworn in as Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association in January 2018. He looks forward to ensuring that SEASPAR continues to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of the communities we serve!



Website Renovation

SEASPAR's website, SEASPAR.org, was relaunched with a major facelift in September 2017.

In addition to a new look and feel, the site was optimized for mobile devices and audited for compliance with Section 508 Standards and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. New amenities included a flipbook program guide, translation service, social sharing tools, and integrated Flickr and YouTube applications. In December, online and fillable pdf forms for participants were added to further enhance customer service.

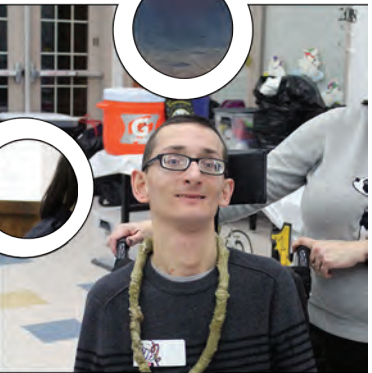
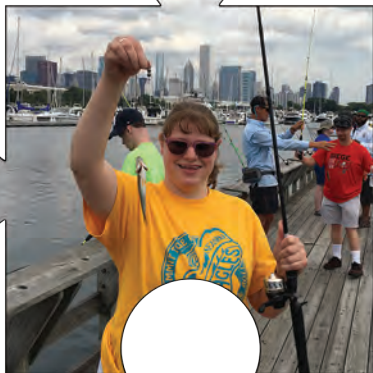
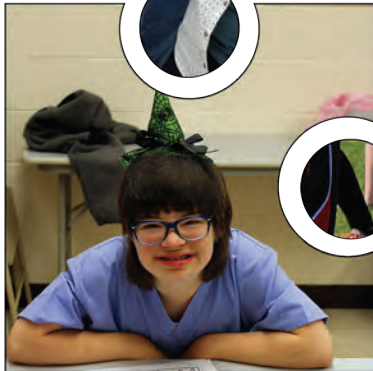
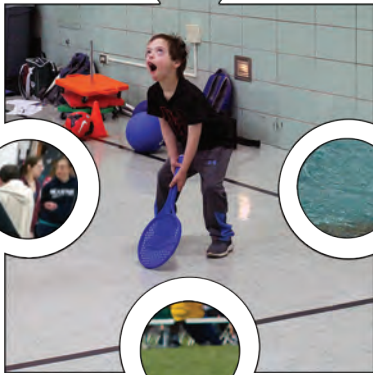
These improvements proved successful, as the website saw a **12% increase** in visitation in FY 2017-18 versus FY 2016-17, with a **24% increase** in the number of pages visited on the site. These increases were most notable for mobile devices, on which the website was difficult to use prior to the relaunch. If you haven't seen the new site yet, be sure to visit SEASPAR.org from any device to see the improvements!



Risk Management

Risk management is one of the highest priorities for SEASPAR – when we say, “Safety First,” we mean it! Our insurance provider, the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA), regularly analyzes our activities and procedures for safety through its Loss Control Review. A perfect score on the Loss Control Review is 100%, and in May 2018, SEASPAR received our score of **99.05%**. As a result, we were awarded PDRMA's highest honor for achievement in loss control – **Accreditation**. We are proud to have received this recognition, but we are more proud of all of our staff who are committed to ensuring the safety of our participants every day, in every program.







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