

STATISTICS

WE HAVE MET 100% OF SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS

WE SERVE PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL 50 STATES

WAITLIST OF OVER 2,000 VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

FY 2024

PROGRAMS 
OVER 1,100 PARTICIPANTS
OVER 30,000 PROGRAM HOURS

SUPPORT 
236 VOLUNTEERS
2,218 HOURS



OUR MISSION

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AND EDUCATION



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HIGHER GROUND
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF
ADVENTURE. SUPPORT. BELONGING.

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1999 ESTABLISHED AS SUN VALLEY ADAPTIVE SPORTS

2003 FIRST ADAPTIVE SKI LESSONS WITH BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2005 FIRST VETERAN SNOWSPORTS AND WHITewater RAFTING TRIPS

2008 LAUNCHED YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING FOR BLAINE COUNTY LOCALS

2011 HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S SEA OF GOODWILL WHITE PAPERS AS AN "INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY LEADER"

2012 SUN VALLEY ADAPTIVE SPORTS REBRANDED TO HIGHER GROUND

2016 IMPLEMENTED VETERAN PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE THROUGH NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA HUB LOCATIONS

2020 CONTINUED PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO MEET ONGOING PARTICIPANT NEEDS

2022 EXECUTED FIRST COMMUNITY RESILIENCY UNIT (CRU) PROGRAMS

2023 1ST ANNUAL MUFFY DAVIS CUP ADAPTIVE SKI RACE

2024 CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ACCESSIBLE, TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMMING!



"I am a 63-year-old veteran with 28 years of service and several combat tours under my belt. Over the last 7 years I have been losing my eyesight because of a condition called Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON). I was devastated and fell into a deep depression to a point that I didn't want to live anymore. I really can't recall how I found Higher Ground, but it has changed my life."

—DONALD SPENCE



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE ARGYROS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
KETCHUM, ID

MUFFY DAVIS CUP
MARCH 8 & 9, 2025
SUN VALLEY, ID

HERO'S JOURNEY GALA
JULY 2025, SUN VALLEY, ID

HG GOLF INVITATIONAL
SEPTEMBER 2025, SUN VALLEY, ID

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FROM OUR CEO

As the new CEO of Higher Ground, I am immensely proud of our work serving Veterans, First Responders, and individuals with disabilities. As we look ahead to expanding our impact and serving exponentially more people over the next 25 years, we ask for your support in helping us reach those who need our programs most. Together, we can continue transforming lives.

—COLE PETRIE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER