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Created in 1997, Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation (NSSRF) supports NSSRA by:

- Providing financial assistance for participants and their families who are in need.
- Granting the funds to purchase specially equipped vehicles to transport participants to programs.
- Sponsoring several special events allowing the participants and their families to attend for free or at a reduced rate.
- Providing ongoing support for the growing demand for new services and programs offered by NSSRA.

There are many ways to make an impact. Please let us know if you would like to help us meet our mission. Contact Susie Julison at (847) 509-9400 or sjulison@nssra.org.



NSSRF's Mission:

To support the mission of Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) by raising and granting supplemental funding.

NSSRA's Mission:

To enrich the lives of people with disabilities in our partner communities through quality recreation services.

NSSRF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations to NSSRF are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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news from NSSRF

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation

Highlights

Scholarships

Each year NSSRF raises funds to create opportunities for those in financial need who desire to participate in NSSRA recreation and leisure programs. Over 420 scholarships were awarded in 2013. To fulfill increased needs, NSSRF's fundraising goal for 2014 is \$30,000.

Transportation

NSSRA provided over 10,000 rides for all ages and abilities in 2013. This year NSSRF plans to purchase two vehicles, an additional accessible vehicle and a minivan.

Volunteers & Part-Time Staff Needed

Help us spread the word! NSSRA is looking for part-time and volunteer talent to help facilitate recreation programming experiences for children, teens and adults. Part-time staff can work as few as two hours per week to as much as a full forty hour week during the summer. There are many meaningful opportunities close to home.



Call the NSSRA office at (847) 509-9400 or visit us at www.nssra.org/jobs.

Interested in part-time employment?

Contact Darleen Negrillo, Manager of Human Resources, at hr@nssra.org.

Want to share your talents, skills and abilities as a volunteer?

Contact Emily Vermeer at evermeer@nssra.org

Meet Our New Board Members



ED BETTENHAUSEN

Ed is married with 5 children and 3 grandchildren. His banking career has spanned 35 years, beginning as a teller at his hometown bank to his current position at Northbrook Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank.

Having always enjoyed community involvement, Ed has worked for community banks throughout his career rather than national chain or investment banks. Ed has held leadership positions in the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and Kiwanis Clubs in Florida and Illinois, as well as religious and fraternal organizations.

Ed likes being outdoors, especially if it involves bicycling, camping, hiking or skiing. He likes working with his hands and building things, like tree houses for his children. He holds a B.S. from the University of Illinois, an MBA from Governor's State University and completed the Graduate School of Banking at Madison, Wisconsin.

Ed

RON FOWLER

Ron Fowler became familiar with NSSRA when his son, Sam, began enjoying NSSRA programs. He and his wife Kim have two children, Sam, and an older daughter, Taylor.

"NSSRA is meaningful because I get to see the benefit it provides to Sam and our family. Knowing that so many other families benefit as well makes it even more meaningful to me. We are very fortunate to have resources to help Sam, but we know others may not, so working to help NSSRF offset costs for NSSRA is important to me."

"I am excited because I think I can bring new ideas and energy to the board. I have many corporate and personal relationships that I hope to leverage to bring in new volunteers and additional donations."

Ron likes to play and watch sports (Cubs and Red Sox) and karaoke (though he says, "not very well!" probably like most of us). Ron plays softball in the summer and likes amusement/water parks, even more than his kids!



Ron and Sam

JOHN THISEN

John has been a management consultant for the past 17 years, and currently works for North Highland. He focuses on helping finance leadership enhance their operations, processes, reporting, and performance. Prior to this, he was the CFO of a government agency.

"We've been involved with NSSRA for the past six years. Our family lives in Glenview, and our eight year old daughter Maeve has been a 'Super User' of NSSRA's great services. Maeve's mom Joy, brother Jack and sister Molly love to see Maeve so happy and engaged, and we are all grateful that she has such a positive outlet for her boundless energy. As a family, we love to travel, which can be a unique exercise with Maeve along for the journey. We have included some of Maeve's NSSRA caretakers to help us with various outings and adventures, which brings a nice level of stability and continuity to our travels."

"NSSRA has become an essential element and source of support for our family. Not only has it given Maeve a sense of community and connectivity with her peers, but it has provided us invaluable respite from her significantly challenging care. NSSRA makes Maeve feel special, and every person she has interacted with has shown her love, respect, and care. It's hard to imagine how we would have fared without NSSRA being in our lives these past six years."

"Joining NSSRF has given me an opportunity to contribute my ideas and energy towards continually improving the organization. I've enjoyed the proactive collaboration and collegiality, and feel like we are positioning the organization for great success."



John and Maeve



Slotnick Family: Barry & Natalie with Mitchell & Valerie, brother Jay and children Ben and Carly.

BARRY SLOTNICK

Barry Slotnick graduated from Northwestern University in 1993 and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern in 2000. He owns a fitness-equipment business, Varisport, which he started shortly after graduation. In addition to Varisport, he spent many years working and consulting in a student tour company owned by his family.

Barry's relationship with NSSRA began as the sibling of his brother Jay Slotnick, who has enjoyed programs for over 35 years! He has loved the good work that NSSRA does with his brother, and other special needs children and adults, helping them to feel included and a meaningful part of society. Barry feels that NSSRA is an invaluable organization and that the work the foundation does brings out the best in people and provides a higher quality of life for those with special needs. He is proud to represent NSSRF.

Barry lives in Glencoe, IL, with his wife, Natalie, and children, Ben (8) and Carly (6).

Thank You Sheilah Burnham!

We want to express our sincere thanks to Sheilah Burnham for her dedication and contributions as a Director on the NSSRF Board from 2009 – 2013 and her volunteer efforts for NSSRA. For the past five years, Sheilah has selflessly shared her talents and expertise, most noteworthy was coordinating the creation of the NSSRA video in 2010 that debuted at the Gala commemorating NSSRA's 40th anniversary. The video has been shown countless times to thousands of individuals.

In addition, she launched NSSRA's Facebook page, e-newsletter and has written countless press releases for both NSSRF and NSSRA events. Sheilah was awarded NSSRA's Friend of the Year in 2010 to recognize her willingness to volunteer her time, knowledge and creativity to improve the marketing efforts of NSSRA and NSSRF. Today, there is increased awareness about NSSRA and NSSRF and a more positive public image due to Sheilah's influence.



INTRODUCING NSSRF'S NEW WEBSITE!

Check us out online for the latest on our events and how to get involved.

www.nssrf.org

Upcoming Events

Shining STARS
AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET
Friday, April 25, 2014
SPONSORED BY NSSRF

Strikes for NSSRF
To benefit Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation (NSSRF)
SUNDAY, JULY 27

Winnetka Park District's
2nd Annual Leprechaun Leap
NEW DATE! Saturday, April 26
12:30-2:30 pm at Lloyd Beach, Winnetka
Benefitting... NSSRF Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation

Join NSSRF at the
NORTHBROOK DAYS FESTIVAL
Saturday, August 2
9:30 - 11:30 am at Village Green Park
Shermer and Meadow Roads, Northbrook

Spring Formal
Friday, May 9, 2014
Park Center | Lakeview Room
2400 Chestnut, Glenview
7:00 - 9:30 pm
Ages 16 and up

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 2014
TECHNY PRAIRIE PARK
6:00 - 8:30 PM
NSSRF SUMMER BASH

FUNDRAISING Menchie's frozen yogurt
Friday, May 30 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
1929 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, 60035
323-445-4053
Mention this ad and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association

NSSRF SWING GOLF OUTING
Friday, September 19, 2014
Wilmette Golf Club
3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette
8:00 am Tee-Off
SPONSORED BY Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation (NSSRF)

NSSRA FAMILY DAYS AT TRAX
TAVERN TRAX GRILL
FRIDAY, MAY 16 & SATURDAY, MAY 17
Present this flyer to your server. Trax will donate 20% of your check to Northern Suburban Special Recreation Foundation. Good for dine in only. Excludes all alcoholic beverages. No other coupons or discounts may be used.

CULTURAL ARTS OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11
(TENTATIVE DATE)
PARK CENTER, GLENVIEW
6:00 - 8:30 PM

nielsen USTA Pro Tennis Championship
NSSRA NIGHT
Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association
Monday, June 30
A.C. Nielson Tennis Center, Winnetka

NORTHERN SUBURBAN SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
NSSRF
BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Saturday, December 6

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