

2018



//DARE2TRI

IMPACT REPORT

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Dare2tri was founded in 2011 to provide the opportunity for those with physical disabilities and visual impairments to be engaged in inclusive community recreation. What began with 8 participants has now grown to serve more than 350 each year and includes a wide range of programs, over 30 partnerships and a community with thousands of lives impacted.

We could not have done it without you! Thank you for your continued belief in our mission.

Keri Derota

Executive Director and Co-Founder



**“WE BELIEVE WHAT
YOU LEARN FROM
CHALLENGING YOURSELF
PHYSICALLY CARRIES
OVER INTO CONFIDENCE
AND SUCCESS IN LIFE.”**





DARE2TRI'S IMPACT

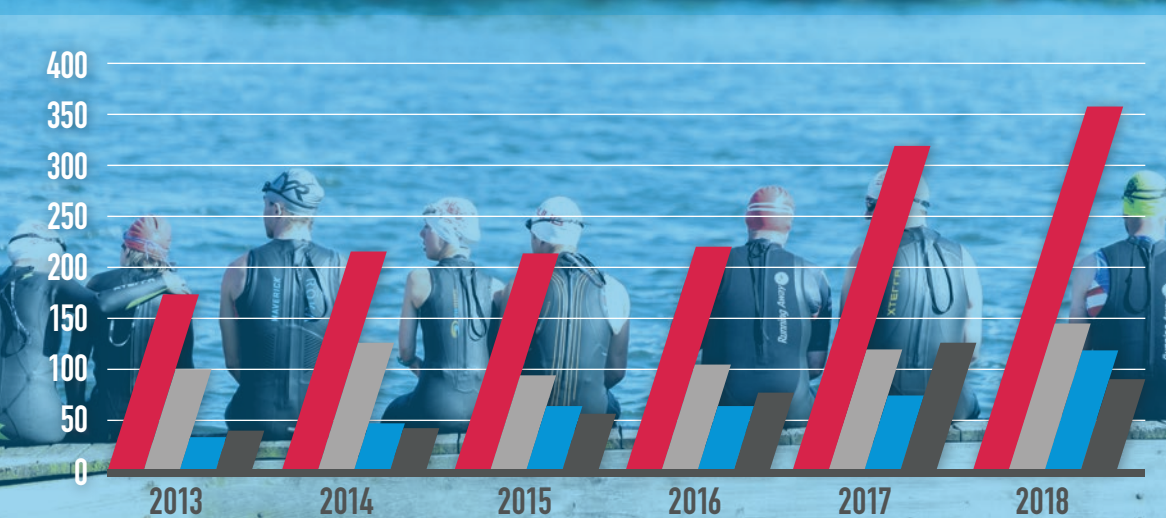
91% FELT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED CONFIDENCE

87% STATED INVOLVEMENT WITH DARE2TRI ELIMINATED BARRIERS TO ACTIVITY

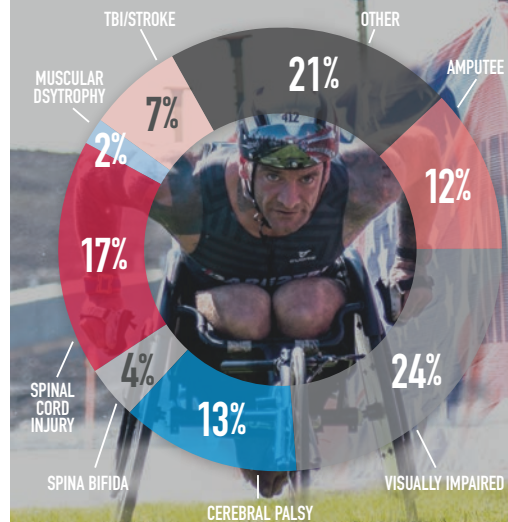
80% FELT LIKE THEIR HEALTH AND WELLNESS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED

PARTICIPANTS

█ TOTAL ATHLETES
 █ NON-VET ADULTS
 █ INJURED MILITARY
 █ YOUTH



DISABILITIES SERVED



DARE2TRI RESPONDING TO NEEDS

MANY PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS FACE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO BEING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

PROBLEM	<p>NO ACCESS TO ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, OR ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES.</p>	<p>LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE OR RECEIVE ADEQUATE COACHING.</p>	<p>COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BEING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE CAN BE A BARRIER TO PARTICIPATION.</p>
SOLUTION	<p>DARE2TRI PROVIDES ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION IN OUR ADA BUS, AND ACCESS TO ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT.</p>	<p>DARE2TRI OFFERS YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES THAT GIVE ATHLETES THE CHANCE TO LEARN AND EXERCISE ALONGSIDE PEERS.</p>	<p>DARE2TRI PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS AND A FUND – THE ABILITY FUND – TO COVER EXPENSES RELATED TO PARTICIPATION.</p>
RESULT	<div><div>59</div><div>PIECES OF ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT ON HAND</div><div><div><div>• 9 TANDEM BIKES</div><div>• 14 HAND CYCLES</div><div>• 3 CATRIKES</div></div><div><div>• 18 RACING CHAIRS</div><div>• 15 UPRIGHT BIKES</div></div></div></div> <div><div>52</div><div>ATHLETES TRANSPORTED TO EVENTS</div></div> <div><div>18</div><div>ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES USED</div></div>	<div><div>6762</div><div>PROGRAM HOURS PROVIDED</div></div> <div><div>27</div><div>SKILLED COACHES TO INSTRUCT ATHLETES</div></div> <div><div>16</div><div>DISTINCT PROGRAMS</div></div> <div><div>425</div><div>VOLUNTEERS READY TO HELP</div></div>	<div><div>\$32,200</div><div>GRANTED TO ATHLETES FROM ABILITY FUND</div></div> <div><div>\$12,000</div><div>PROVIDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMPS AND RACES</div></div> <div><div>\$11,900</div><div>FOR TRAVEL STIPENDS</div></div>

MEET CHELE

CHELE HAS BEEN PART OF THE DARE2TRI COMMUNITY FOR 3 YEARS. THIS YEAR OUR COMMUNITY WITNESSED THE SOUNDS AND TEARS OF JOY AS CHELE TOOK HER FIRST STRIDES ON A RUNNING BLADE.



“ I AM SO DEEPLY MOVED BY MY EXPERIENCE. I FIND IT HARD TO ARTICULATE MY FEELINGS. I RAN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY INJURY IN 1997. DARE2TRI TOOK AWAY MY FINAL “I CAN’T.” I AM NO LONGER GOING TO BE A RELAY ATHLETE, 2019 IS MY YEAR TO COMPLETE AN ENTIRE TRIATHLON. I AM AN OFFICIAL TRIATHLETE BECAUSE DARE2TRI BELIEVED IN ME. ”

MEET JEREMY

JEREMY HAD NEVER BEEN TO A DARE2TRI EVENT BEFORE, HIS DISABILITY HAD KEPT HIM INACTIVE FOR YEARS. ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP OUR VOLUNTEERS, COACHES, AND FELLOW ATHLETES CHEERED AS JEREMY CROSSED THE FINISH LINE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR “TRI IT” TRIATHLON.



“ I HAD BEEN DOWN SO LONG, I WAS TERRIFIED YET EXCITED TO GET BACK UP. IT WAS AMAZING TO BE INSPIRED BY THE OTHER ATHLETES AS WELL AS CHALLENGED BY EACH OF THE ELEMENTS. DARE2TRI’S CAMP WAS NEVER ON MY RADAR BEFORE BUT IT TRULY OUT PREFORMED MY NOVICE EXPECTATIONS. I HAVE NEW GOALS AS WELL AS A NEW PERSPECTIVE OF HOW I ASSESS MYSELF. ”

DARE2TRI 2018 A YEAR OF FIRSTS

5 | ATHLETES MISSING A LOWER LIMB RAN FOR THE FIRST TIME



16 | ADULTS & KIDS COMPLETED OUR ADAPTIVE LEARN2SWIM PROGRAM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN CHICAGO



27 | LOADS OF GEAR, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES WERE HAULED IN OUR BRAND NEW, GENEROUSLY DONATED SUBARU OUTBACK



24 | ELITE, DEVELOPMENT, JR DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEMBERS (THE BIGGEST TEAM YET!)



20 | VISUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES ATTENDED PARATRI CAMP AND 6 SERVICE DOGS



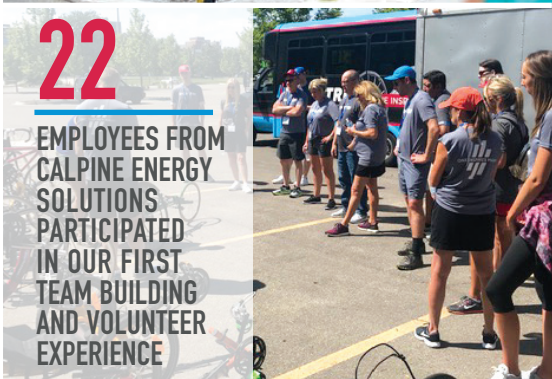
38 | RACE2RAISE TEAM MEMBERS RAISED OVER \$45,000 FOR DARE2TRI (THE MOST TO DATE!)



12 | YOUTH CROSSED THEIR FIRST FINISH LINE AT KIDS CAMP



22 | EMPLOYEES FROM CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTIONS PARTICIPATED IN OUR FIRST TEAM BUILDING AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE



2019 SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 2 | MULTISPORT CLINIC
MAY 30-JUNE 2 | MILITARY CAMP

JUNE 7-9 | PARATRIATHLON CAMP
JULY 23-24 | KIDS CAMP