



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Shared Adventures is a Nonprofit Organization  
Dedicated to Improving the Quality of Life  
for People Living with Disabilities.**



**Permanent Shared Adventure Mural at Ramsay Park in Watsonville, CA**

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## Letter from Founder/Executive Director, Foster Andersen

Hello Friends—I am very pleased to say that 2022 was a very successful year for Shared Adventures. We have made a significant impact on the disabled and special needs community of the Central Coast, enhancing the lives of over a thousand individuals!

Our sailing, horse-riding, rock-climbing, kayaking, swim parties, art classes and other activities were full and participants loved the exercise and camaraderie. Day on the Beach was super-successful, with thanks to our partners at Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and Camp Adventures was a great activity, with thanks to The Taylor Family Foundation.

On the business side, it was a very good year. We received support from the Craig H Neilsen Foundation, the Disney Foundation, Newman's Own Foundation, Caroline's Thrift Shop, St. John's Episcopal Church, Arts Council of Santa Cruz County and many generous individuals. Our fund-raising in the Santa Cruz Gives campaign broke our all-time record. As we move on to 2023, our staff and management team are focused and committed to create and present a full-year of fantastic activities, including big ocean event, Day on the Beach and also Camp Adventures.

A really exciting program for Shared Adventures has been our Accessibility Rental Program, which provides beach wheel chairs, adventure wheel chairs, and ramps to individuals and families. This makes beaches, mountain trails and private residences accessible for all individuals.

We continue to build collaborations and partnerships with other organization and agencies and have many new activities and programs planned for 2023.

I want to take a minute to thank our Board of Directors. They are listed on another page in this report, but I want to acknowledge their awesome and tireless efforts to support Shared Adventures in every way. Also, our staff Program Coordinator Becky Gomoll and Administrative Coordinator Geneva Sarvis, have worked tirelessly and creatively to make the activities happen and keep the nuts and bolts of Shared Adventures running so incredibly smoothly.

On a side note, as some of you may know, in 2022 I had a number of health issues that slowed down my daily involvement with Shared Adventures. I want you to know that I am feeling strong, in good shape and with great optimism. I am ready for 2023!

With Love and Gratitude,

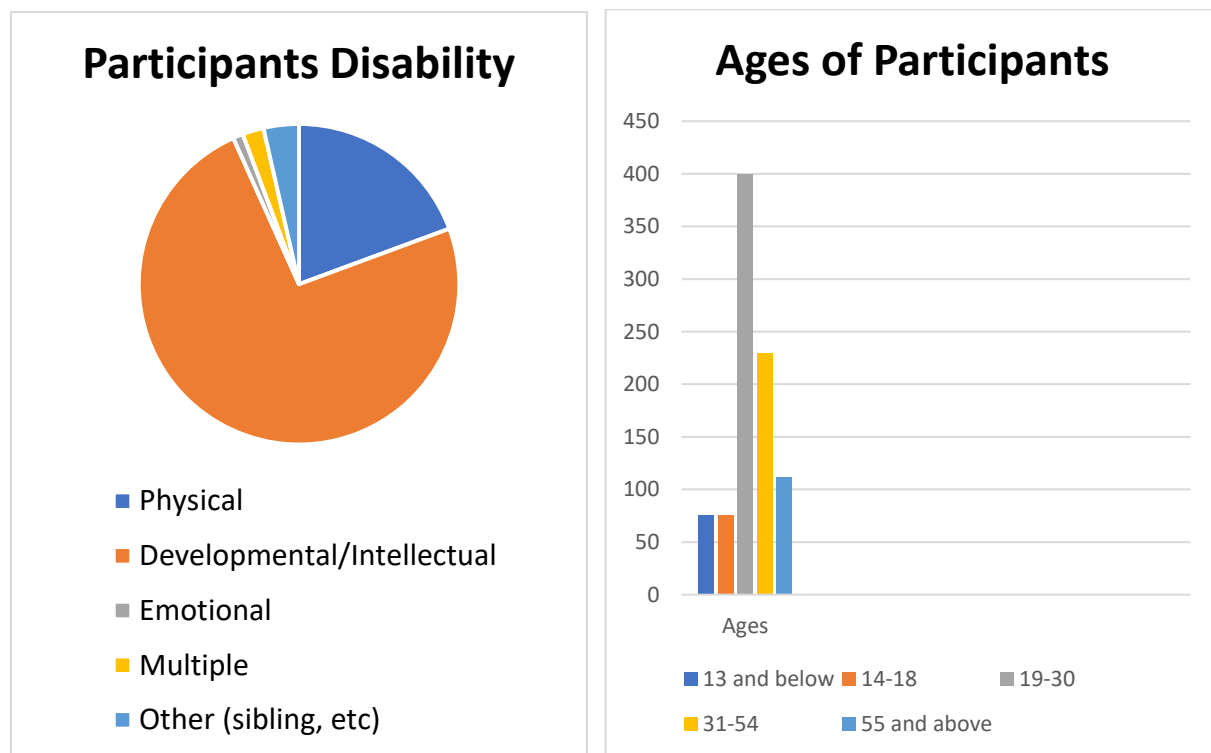
Foster

In 2022, Shared Adventures offered over 250 activities and served around 1000 individuals of all ages and abilities. There were 25 different types of activities and had about 500 volunteers.

We make every effort to provide activities and adventures that will spark joy, promote social interaction, connection within the community, and challenge each person to try new experiences.

Our goal is to add recreation and social activities to help create a well-balanced life.

Shared Adventures programs are for any age and ability.





### **Our Activities Include:**

- Adaptive Fitness at a Gym
- Archery
- Art Class
- Bingo
- Bowling
- Bocce Ball
- Fun Themed Dances
- Fishing off the Wharf
- Gardening (Spring/Summer)
- Horse Experience
- Ocean Kayaking
- Karaoke Nights
- Monterey Bay Aquarium Trips
- Rock Climbing
- Sailing
- stROLLS (wheelchair walks/hikes)
- Outrigger Rides
- Santa Cruz Warrior Games
- Online Fitness and Dance Programs
- Whale Watching
- **And other special events and field trips**

### **Yearly Events**

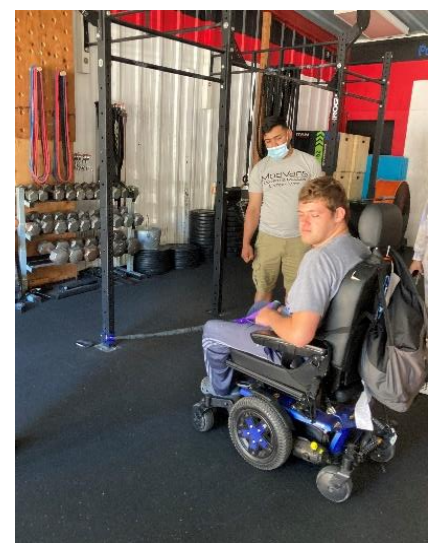
Day on the Beach (Big Event in July)

Overnight Family Camp (in August)

One Day Camp (in September)

Wheelchair Basketball (Summer)











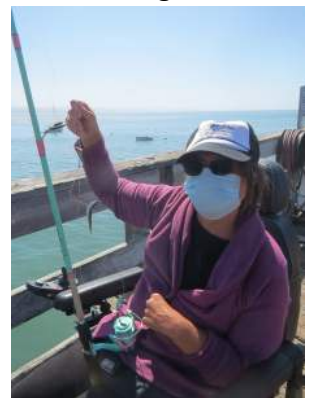
wheelchair basketball



vets bike ride



fishing



Day on the Beach



Monterey Bay Aquarium trip



exercise club



Valentine's dance



Ano Nuevo trip



garden class



horse-riding



archery



whale-watching trip





## 2022 Board of Directors

**Foster Andersen** - Founder/President, Shared Adventures

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After a motorcycle accident that partially severed his 5/6 Cervical Vertebrae and having to use a wheelchair at age 17, Foster Andersen pushed himself through college at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) as a manufacturing engineer. Foster joined a brand new "sit ski" program there for spinal cord injuries, and embraced the idea of providing extreme adventures for persons with disabilities. Foster moved to Berkeley in 1987 to get involved with the Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) and Environmental Traveling Companion (ETC) to future expand his outdoor adventures.

**Steve Miller** - Board Chair

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Steve Miller has served as a manager of government programs on the local, state and federal levels. He is retired and active in numerous community organizations and activities. He has been on the Board of Directors since 1997, where he was responsible for the original series of grants to the Packard Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation which resulted in the Santa Cruz Access Guide.

**Cecily Cahill** – Board Member

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Much of Cecily professional experience in education has involved the special needs community including volunteering with Environmental Traveling Companions in the San Francisco Bay area. Cecily helped drive Shared Adventures program expansion from the original single Day on the Beach event to include the many activities offered throughout the year. Cecily is dedicated to enriching the lives of others.

**Kim Evans** - Board Member, Educational Specialist

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Kim Evans, a local teacher, has been involved in ADA rights and creating recreational opportunities for people with special needs for 16 years. As the founder of Young Artists Studio, she sought to create a more inclusive environment where both able bodied and disabled artists can work together as equals, creating art and creating relationships.

**Daryl Wise** – Board Member, Community Relations

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Daryl Wise has been an independent PR and marketing and event contractor in the Monterey Bay area for over 20 years. He has worked for clients including: Macworld Expos, Pixelmator, the artist Peter Max, HP, Corel, Marine Artist Wyland, Microsoft, Bill Graham Presents, The City of Watsonville, Laguna Seca Raceway, Curious Labs, MTV, O'Neill Inc., Rogers and Cowan Public Relations, Shandwick Convergence Public Relations, The Sea Otter Classic, e frontier America, Ambient Design, Virtual Venues Network, Diamond Organics, Gluon, Thomson-Course Technologies, Wisdomark, LatinReps, Meals on Wheels of Santa Cruz County and the Catalyst Nightclub.

**Brenda Gutierrez Baeza**- Board Member, Spanish Healthcare Interpreter

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Brenda joined the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities in 2016 and has been involved with many projects. In 2015, she became a member of the Santa Cruz Playground Project to help the efforts of creating LEO's Haven, the first inclusive playground in Santa Cruz County. She started working with County Park Friends as a Community Mobilization leader representing the disabled community and promoting accessibility in nature. As well as advocating for disability inclusion, Brenda also strives to break down language barriers in her Latino community by working as a Healthcare Interpreter and translating important information to Spanish speakers.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

|  |           |  |          |
|--|-----------|--|----------|
| The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation              | 35,000.00 | National Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary | 1,000.00 |
| Anonymous                                    | 25,000.00 | The Allison Condit Lee Foundation      | 1,000.00 |
| Martha Zuniga In honor of Glenn George Capps | 15,000.00 | San Andreas Regional Center            | 1,000.00 |
| Taylor Family Foundation                     | 13,867.00 | Kling Family Trust                     | 1,000.00 |
| Caroline's Thrift                            | 10,000.00 | Carol & Paul Breman                    | 750.00   |
| Newman's Own Foundation                      | 10,000.00 | Amy Stoddard                           | 600.00   |
| Escher Fund For Autism                       | 5,000.00  | Helen Bennet                           | 600.00   |
| Robert Rollin                                | 3,000.00  | Catherine Mann                         | 500.00   |
| Mei-Yuh Hwang                                | 2,500.00  | Deida Runswick                         | 500.00   |
| Nolan Charitable Gift Fund                   | 2,500.00  | Cecily Cahill & Polly Hughes           | 500.00   |
| The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist | 2,250.00  | Dr. Sigrid J. Van Bladel               | 500.00   |
| The Upjohn California Fund                   | 2,000.00  | Rebecca & Daniel Haifley               | 500.00   |
| Sigma Alpha of Omega NU Charity              | 1,950.00  | Robert Keet                            | 500.00   |
| City of Santa Cruz                           | 1,883.50  | Santa Cruz County Bank                 | 500.00   |
| Phred Meng                                   | 1,234.00  | Horsynder Pharmacy                     | 500.00   |
| James Delongchamp                            | 1,151.52  | Christine Quesenberry Inc.             | 500.00   |
| Barbara & Jim Yocum                          | 1,000.00  | Deborah & Joseph Quigg                 | 500.00   |
| Charlie Eaton                                | 1,000.00  | Kristin & Jeffery Huget                | 500.00   |
| Ow Family Properties                         | 1,000.00  | Nomad Sailing                          | IN-KIND  |
|  |           | Adaptive Fitness                       | IN-KIND  |



# Revenue & Expense Report

January 1 – December 31, 2022

| Carryover from 2021: \$56,622                    |  |               |
|--|--|---------------|
| Income   |  | Total (\$)    |
| <b>Programs</b>                                  |  |               |
| 321 Life +1 Project                              |  | 7,200         |
| Activities & Events - General                    |  | 5,601         |
| Accessible Equipment Rental                      |  | 5,183         |
| Camp Adventures                                  |  | 1,415         |
| Interest Earned                                  |  | 112           |
| Liability Insurance Dividend                     |  | 300           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>19,811</b> |
| <b>Fundraising &amp; Grants</b>                  |  |               |
| Caroline's Thrift Shop                           |  | 10,000        |
| Community Donations                              |  | 54,679        |
| Disney Cyber Grant                               |  | 12,500        |
| National Monterey Bay Sanctuary                  |  | 1,000         |
| Santa Cruz Gives                                 |  | 36,862        |
| Signa Alpha of Omega NU                          |  | 1,950         |
| State Coastal Conservancy                        |  | 20,000        |
| The Craig H, Neilsen Foundation                  |  | 35,000        |
| The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist     |  | 2,250         |
| The Taylor Family Foundation                     |  | 13,867        |
| Vanguard Charitable Grant/ The Merryweather Fund |  | 25,000        |
| <b>Total Income \$213,108</b>                    |  |               |

## Shared Adventures Income 2022

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Community/Independent Donations | \$108,780.29     |
| Corporate Fundraising/Grants    | \$71,717.00      |
| Insurance Dividend              | \$299.78         |
| Interest Earned                 | \$111.91         |
| Program Income                  | \$12,198.71      |
| Direct Public Grants            | \$20,000.00      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$213,108</b> |





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January 1 – December 31, 2022

| Expenses                    |  | Total (\$)                                   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Programs</b>             |  |  |
| 321 Life Project            |  | 7,022  |
| Activities & Events         |  | 18,415                                       |
| Accessible Equipment Rental |  | 3,267  |
| Camp Adventures             |  | 21,379                                       |
| Day on the Beach            |  | 30,540                                       |
| Open Art Studio             |  | 2,671  |
| Fundraising                 |  | 807  |
| <b>Operational</b>          |  |  |
| Liability Insurance         |  | 3,024  |
| Office & Computer Supplies  |  | 594  |
| Office Rent & Utilities     |  | 2,304  |
| Outreach & Advertising      |  | 3,704  |
| Meetings                    |  | 484  |
| Staff Wages                 |  | 64,791                                       |
| Storage                     |  | 2,506  |
| Taxes & Fees                |  | 404  |
| Van Transportation          |  | 9,719  |
| Web based Support           |  | 6,604  |
|                             |  | <b>Total Expenses: \$177,428</b>             |
|                             |  | <b>Revenue Over Expenses: \$35,680</b>       |
|                             |  |  |
|                             |  | <b>Overall Total Carry Forward: \$92,302</b> |

