



## Press Release

### **Outdoors for All Names Clark Halvorson as New Executive Director**

*Proven team-builder, fund-raiser and innovation-driver will be tasked with developing and implementing a growth and impact plan to serve more people*

**SEATTLE (December 14, 2023)** The [Outdoors for All Foundation](#), which enriches the lives of children and adults with disabilities through adaptive, outdoor recreation has appointed Clark Halvorson as its new Executive Director. Halvorson has 30 years of experience leading government, tribal and non-profit organizations and teams and joins Outdoors for All from his current post as President and CEO of United Way Anchorage.

“Clark has the right set of skills, experience and innovation to lead Outdoors for All into its next chapter,” said Roger Reynolds, President of the Outdoors for All Foundation Board of Directors. “With the successful conclusion of a beyond-expectations capital campaign, the launch of a new program location on the Eastside and an incredibly talented team, we are poised to increase the breadth and depth of programs and services to deliver on our mission.”

For more than 40 years Outdoors for All has transformed the lives of people with disabilities through a range of adaptive outdoor recreation programs, including cycling, cross-country and downhill skiing/snowboarding, hiking, kayaking, rock climbing and summer day camps. Each year, thousands of participants with disabilities gain new skills and confidence through outdoor experiences thanks to specialized equipment, trained staff and passionate volunteers.

As President and CEO for the United Way of Anchorage, Clark worked to unite the community and take action to remove barriers to opportunity and solve some of Anchorage’s toughest challenges. His focus was on whole system approaches designed to overcome the many social, health, and built environment challenges that negatively impact so many in our communities.

Before that, Halvorson served as the Assistant Secretary within the Department of Health for the State of Washington, leading the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and working to ensure a coordinated and effective response across their health care system. He served as the Assistant Secretary of Environmental Public Health where he worked with local governments and other agencies in the areas of safe drinking water, food safety, radiation safety, wastewater management, pesticide exposure, and general environmental health and safety issues.

“With my passion for social justice and equality, I’ve spent most of my career breaking down barriers and creating a more inclusive community in Washington state and Alaska,” said Halvorson. “I’ve long been a fan of Outdoors for All, which not only provides critical resources for people with disabilities, but also challenges societal perceptions of disability and promotes positive change. I’m looking forward to being part of such a great team at such a great time for the organization.”

Halvorson is passionate about exploring the great outdoors where he finds solace in the rhythm of hiking or biking on the trails, the serenity of camping under the stars, and the exhilarating freedom of being on the water.



### **About Outdoors for All**

Outdoors for All transforms the lives of children and adults with disabilities by offering a range of adaptive outdoor recreation programs, including cycling, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowboarding, hiking, kayaking, rock climbing and summer day camps. Program locations include Magnuson Park, Lake Sammamish State Park and Snoqualmie Pass. Each year, thousands of participants gain not only new skills and confidence, but also experience the joy of the outdoors thanks to specialized equipment, trained staff and passionate volunteers. More information is available at [www.outdoorsforall.org](http://www.outdoorsforall.org).

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