

Press Release

Outdoors for All Awarded \$10,000 CenturyLink "Spirit of 12s Technology Grant"

Funding to enrich lives for thousands of Washington residents with disabilities

SEATTLE (December 15, 2016) Outdoors for All today announced that it has been awarded a \$10,000 CenturyLink "Spirit of 12s Technology Grant." The award, which will be presented on the field during tonight's Seahawks game, will support Outdoors for All's outdoor recreation programs that enrich the lives of more than 2,400 Washingtonians with disabilities.

"The key characteristics of the Spirit of the 12s such as passion, encouragement, loyalty and strength, are the same attributes of our program participants and our volunteers," said Ed Bronsdon, executive director of Outdoors for All. "We are tremendously grateful to CenturyLink for this generous grant."

The program, formerly known as the "Spirit of Service" awards, was created by Qwest in 2003 as a chance to strengthen and improve the communities where employees live through philanthropic support of local initiatives. In 2015, CenturyLink revamped the program and renamed it the "Spirit of 12s Technology Grants," and began exclusively offering them to the Seahawks Spirit of 12 partners to strengthen their technology efforts.

Outdoors for All will use the funding to implement a new online registration system that will help program participants register more easily and efficiently as well as deliver critical participant information to program leaders. In addition, the organization will acquire specialized hand cycling quad grips which will specifically allow individuals with quadriplegia to enjoy the benefits of cycling.

"We're so impressed with the professionalism of the staff, the power of the programs and the impact on the community, and we are thrilled to support Outdoors for All," said Sue Anderson, vice president of operations for CenturyLink.

About Outdoors for All

Outdoors for All has been enriching the lives of children and adults with disabilities in Washington state since 1979. Today, more than 2,400 individuals with disabilities exercise their abilities annually thanks to the support of more than 700 volunteers. More information is available at outdoorsforall.org.

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