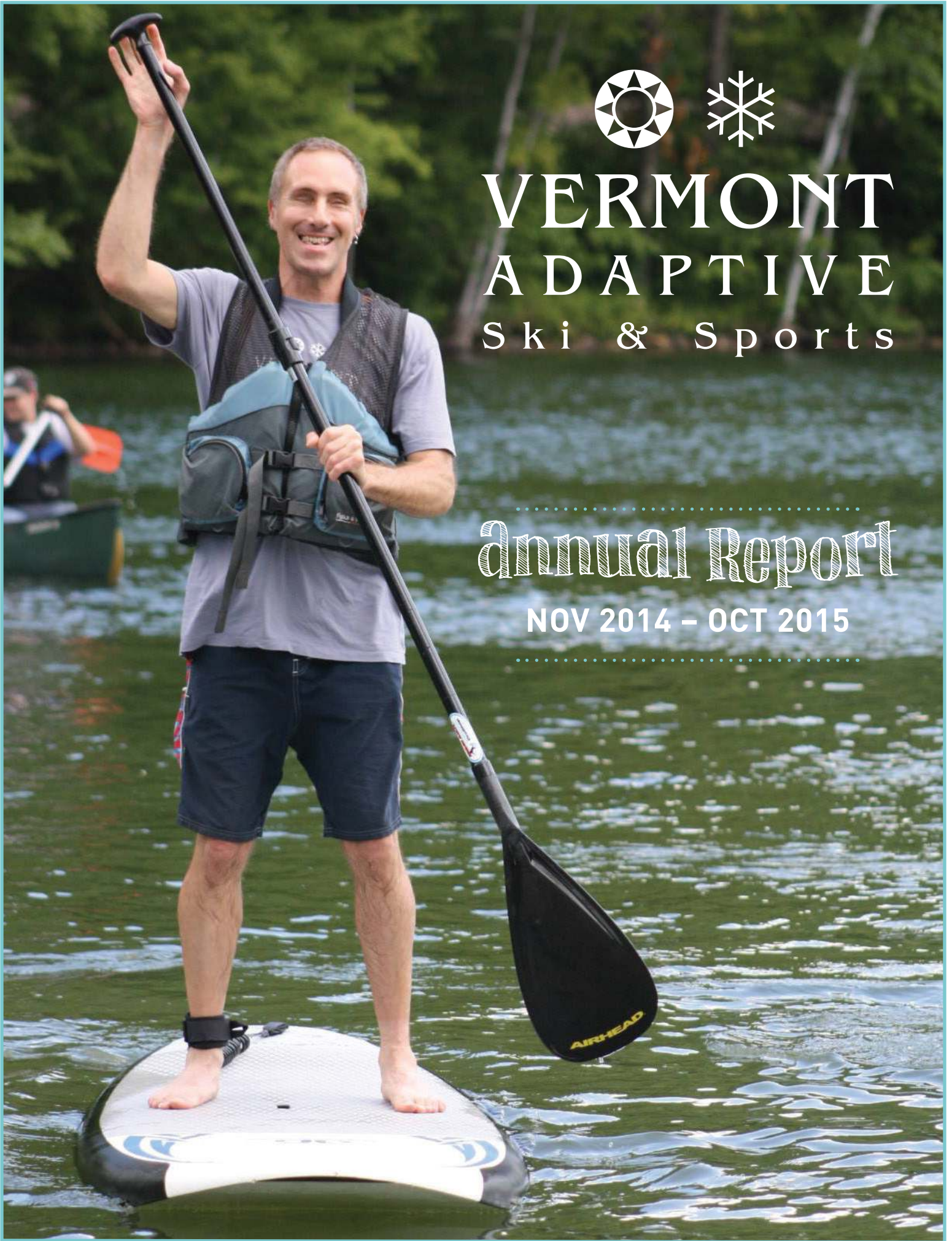




# VERMONT ADAPTIVE Ski & Sports

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*Annual Report*  
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NOV 2014 – OCT 2015  
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# WHO WE ARE



Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is the largest year-round disabled sports non-profit organization in Vermont to offer daily, diverse program opportunities and unique, specialized equipment. Vermont Adaptive promotes independence and furthers equality through access and instruction to sports and recreational opportunities including alpine skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports; kayaking, canoeing, sailing, cycling, hiking, rock climbing, tennis, horseback riding, and more. We serve clients of all abilities with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities from all over the world in three locations in the winter in Vermont – Killington Resort and Pico Mountain in Killington; Sugarbush Resort in Warren; and Bolton Valley in Bolton. Summer programs are provided in various locations state-wide.

## STAFF – FY15

**Erin Fernandez**, Executive Director  
**Maggie Burke**, Managing Director  
**Kip Dalury**, Office Manager  
**Kim Jackson**, Director of Communications & Outreach  
**Tom Alcorn**, Senior Program Coordinator  
**Kelly Walsh**, Program Coordinator  
**Olivia Joseph**, Program Coordinator  
**Mac Janney**, Development Coordinator  
**Anne Koch**, Projects & Services Assistant

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# OUR MISSION



Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is committed to empowering individuals with disabilities.

We promote independence & further equality through access and instruction to sports and recreational activities.



“...TOP NOTCH, VERY CARING, AND AND SUPER SUPPORTIVE.”

# HIGHLIGHTS

Vermont Adaptive once again hosted **The United States Association of Blind Athletes' (USABA) Annual Winter Ski Festival** at Pico Mountain for the ninth year in a row. Athletes from across the country with visual impairments were given the opportunity to learn to ski or race in the sports of alpine and Nordic skiing.

Other partnerships matured this year as well as Vermont Adaptive hosted new clients from **Spaulding Rehabilitation, the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Zeno Mountain Farms** to name a few.



As part of its outreach, Vermont Adaptive continued to exhibit at **Abilities Expo Boston and the Boston Ski and Snowboard Expo**. Other events and partnerships included being the beneficiary for the second year of the **Subaru Share the Love** campaign (Vermont Adaptive was the local charity of choice for Rutland's Kinney Subaru) as well as the **Vermont Sports Medicine Center 5K Run/Walk**.

Nearly 600 cyclists participated in the **5th Annual Long Trail Century Ride to benefit Vermont Adaptive**. Long Trail Brewery was the title sponsor for the fourth year in a row and has become an integral partnership to the organization. A large après-ride party was held at the brewery in Bridgewater Corners after the ride. All riders began and ended their rides at the brewery. Killington Resort again sponsored the ride, as did many local businesses including Phil Black (ride founder) of the Lookout Tavern.

Vermont Adaptive proactively participated in the national **#GivingTuesday** campaign, highlighting the first Tuesday in December when people are encouraged to give back and/or pay it forward to their community or favorite charity. A new program called **C.O.R.E. Connections** launched this year as well, due in part to a grant from the Bowes Health Trust, allowing Vermont Adaptive to begin a pilot program for wellness camps and retreats in the Rutland County area. The organization partnered with the **Vermont Department of Tourism and Travel** to produce a website highlighting all of the outdoor recreational places in the state with access for people with disabilities. This was in an effort to celebrate the 25th anniversary of passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the project highlighted a number of Vermont Adaptive participants.

# HIGHLIGHTS GALLERY



# FINANCIALS



## Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports Statement of Financial Position As of October 31, 2015

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Current Assets		
Cash	\$137,833	\$19,295
Grants Receivable	-	\$13,678
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,564	\$444
Total Current Assets	\$139,397	\$33,417
Equipment		
Equipment	\$232,026	\$168,465
Construction in Progress	-	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$193,483)	(\$145,732)
Net Equipment	\$38,543	\$22,733
Other Assets		
Investments	\$4,025	\$2,947
Property Held For Investment	\$647,796	\$645,503
Totals Other Assets	\$651,821	\$648,450
<b>Totals Assets</b>	<b>\$829,761</b>	<b>\$704,600</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$10,657	\$6,687
Accrued Payroll & Related	\$10,826	\$6,701
Total Current Liabilities	\$21,483	\$13,388
Other Current Liabilities	\$1	\$10,000
Line of Credit Payable	-	\$2,200
Deferred Revenue	\$1	\$12,200
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$21,484	\$25,588
Total Liabilities		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted	\$808,277	\$679,012
Board Designated	-	-
Temporarily Restricted	-	-
Total Net Assets	\$808,277	\$679,012
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$829,761</b>	<b>\$704,600</b>

# FINANCIALS



## Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets For Years Ended October 31, 2015

<b>NET ASSETS ACTIVITIES &amp; CHANGES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Revenues, Gains &amp; Other Support</b>		
Program Fees	\$717,162	\$614,451
Special Events	\$14,677	\$3,942
Grants	\$118,618	\$6,500
Operating Contributions	\$156,222	\$126,330
Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions For Operations	-	-
<b>Total Revenues, Gains &amp; Other Support</b>	<b>\$1,006,679</b>	<b>\$751,223</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Activities		
Program Expenses	\$392,805	\$355,142
Salaries & Wages	\$359,733	\$313,685
Depreciation Expense	\$47,751	\$27,256
Provison For Bad Debts	-	-
<b>Total Program Activities</b>	<b>\$800,289</b>	<b>\$696,083</b>
Support Services		
Management & General	\$134,587	\$115,410
Fundraising	-	\$7,061
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$134,587</b>	<b>\$122,471</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$934,876</b>	<b>\$818,554</b>
Surplus (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$71,803	(\$67,331)
<b>Non-Operating Activities</b>		
Non-Operating Contributions	\$58,694	\$233,742
Investment Income, Net	(\$323)	(\$11)
Rent Income	(\$909)	-
Loss On Sale Of Property Held For Investment	-	-
Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions For Capital Expenditures	-	-
<b>Total Non-Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$57,462</b>	<b>\$233,731</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets</b>	<b>\$129,265</b>	<b>\$166,400</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning Of Year</b>	<b>\$679,012</b>	<b>\$512,612</b>
Prior Period Adjustments	-	-
<b>Net Assets, End Of Year</b>	<b>\$808,277</b>	<b>\$679,012</b>

# FUNDRAISING



## VERMONT 100-MILE ENDURANCE RUN OR RIDE:

One of the only round-the-clock ultra marathons held in the U.S.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$87,493**

## 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT 50 MOUNTAIN BIKE AND ENDURANCE RUN AT ASCUTNEY MOUNTAIN:

Mountain bikers and runners.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$44,857**

## 5TH ANNUAL LONG TRAIL CENTURY RIDE TO BENEFIT VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI AND SPORTS:

20-, 60- and 100-mile bike riders, plus an après-ride party at the brewery.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$194,809**

## ANNUAL ALLEN CLARK HILL CLIMB:

In honor of long-time Mad River Valley Resident Allen Clark.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$2,265**

## VSMC 5K RUN/WALK:

Local charity run/walk.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$2,428**

## BOLTON VALLEY 5K:

A fun 5K run/walk charity event on the Nordic Trails at Bolton Valley.

**AMOUNT RAISED: \$1,177**



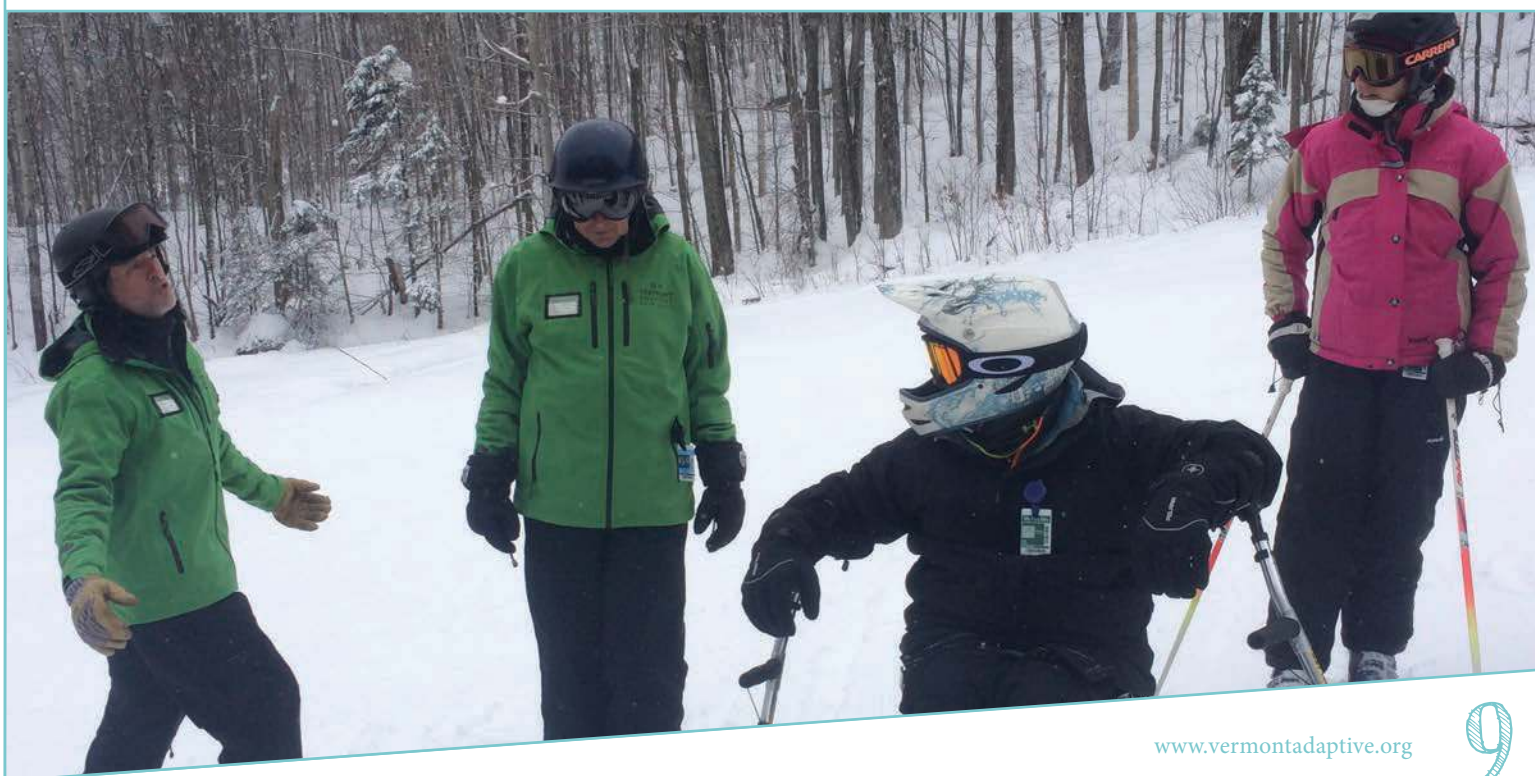
YEAR-ROUND

# PROGRAMMING



Here at Vermont Adaptive we use many different techniques and equipment. Our techniques we derive from professional standards and organizations, and we keep a current inventory of adaptive equipment. In reality, there is simply not enough storage space to cover every technique and piece of equipment out there. Many of these are merely the starting point and then adapted to fit the individual's needs as the lesson progresses. Every lesson we teach is tailored for the individual. Equipment and teaching techniques are constantly changing and evolving as technology advances.

- Alpine Skiing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Camping
- Tennis
- Sailing
- Goalball
- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Adventure Weekends
- Cycling
- Specialty Events
- Guided Burlington Bike Path Trips
- Hiking
- Beeper Baseball



# WHO WE SERVE



Vermont Adaptive works with individuals who have a wide range of physical, mental and development disabilities. We serve private clients as well as many school, community, therapeutic, recreational, and alternative programs.

**We work with people who have a variety of different disabilities including:**

Deaf & Heard of Hearing  
 Spina Bifida  
 Multiple Sclerosis  
 Quadriplegia  
 Blind & Visually Impaired

*Continued:*

Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities  
 Autism/Spectrum  
 Muscle Weakness  
 Developmental Disabilities  
 Cerebral Palsy  
 Paraplegia  
 Amputations & Limb Differences  
 Traumatic Brain Injuries  
 Physical Impairments  
 Stroke  
 Wounded Veterans



# EQUIPMENT



It is hard to imagine ski equipment that allows those who cannot stand or walk to have the ability to experience the sport of skiing. Recently, technology has transformed adaptive ski equipment from heavy, awkward pieces of machinery into light, dynamic and user-friendly tools. Technological advances have been instrumental in enabling those with disabilities to participate in a wider range of recreational activities, however, those advances make participating in these sports cost prohibitive for many.

For example, the adaptive sailboat that is specifically designed for people with spinal cord injuries cost the program more than \$10,000. As a result, more and more of these individuals have come to rely on Vermont Adaptive to provide them with the opportunity to enjoy sports in the great and beautiful Vermont outdoors.

**Upwards of \$50,000 in generous restricted donations were given to Vermont Adaptive for equipment purchases this past year. Some of those purchases included:**

- 3 Bi-Unique Skis
- Stand-Up Paddleboards
- Ford Passenger Van & Equipment Trailer
- 4 Adaptive Mountain Bikes

