

For approx. 22% of our participants – it is their first day on the water!

#### **Our Approach**

In partnership with government agencies, local communities, business sponsors, fishing enthusiasts, and other volunteers, the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation has created an innovative delivery system that brings families, who would usually never get to go fishing, outdoors for a day of fun, learning, and interaction.

The primary purpose of the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is to enrich the lives of disabled, disadvantaged, and terminally ill children. Its innovative programs address the needs of families and children of disabilities, and of kids who are at-risk due to family dysfunction and financial hardships. Activities during the daylong fishing and outdoor adventure routinely change, forever, the lives of kids and adults involved. Short and long-term mentoring relationships are fostered. Hands-on learning activities help to improve physical abilities, build confidence and self-reliance, improve quality of life, ease fear of the unknown, and strengthen interpersonal skills.

### The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation

### Lifetime Impact - 1991-2016

- Over 114,892 Kids (CAST for Kids and Fishing Kids events) & over 1,669 Warriors & Families
- 945 Events & Counting...

"My son has a challenging time at school and regular sports due to his differences. This event made him feel big, heroic and like he could succeed!"

-Parent, Los Vaqueros, CA

We believe every child is worth celebrating, can overcome limitations and have a victorious day.



We give very child a chance to feel celebrated during our award ceremony. Every child receives a plaque with a photo of themselves and their boat captain.

# Annual Report January 1 – December 31, 2016



Our family of volunteers is what makes our Foundation thrive. We are special people serving special children! Our children's programs and Warrior programs continue to grow, providing new opportunities for enjoyment of the great outdoors through fishing and boating.

The C.A.S.T. Executive Board of Directors set a goal for the Foundation to double the number of C.A.S.T. for Kids events we hold nationally in the next three years. Our family is growing. Come and join the C.A.S.T. family and start a new event, volunteer, or donate!

### C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation

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# **Personal Stories**

"My grandson who is 5 years old has never been fishing or even on a boat and he has Autism and has a hard time communicating. Well, after this experience, all he does is bring up how he caught fish and drove the boat! This has been the best day he's had and will continue to be one of his best memories." – Parent, Charlotte Harbor, Florida

""The event was an absolutely incredible experience for my child. He was able to push himself physically and tried something he hadn't done before. Much appreciated!

- Parent, Lake Washington, Washington

## **Impact of 2016 Events**

## 55 Events in 24 States 2,693 Participants & 2,959 Volunteers

Breakdown by Program

- C.A.S.T. for Kids Program
  47 events in 22 states
  1234 Kids & 2,645 Volunteers
- Fishing Kids Program
  5 events in 1 state
  1,290 Kids & 156 Volunteers
- Take a Warrior Fishing Program
  3 events in 3 states
  169 Warriors/Families & 158 Volunteers

"I guess I never realized how just a couple hours of my time could bring so much joy to a child."

– Boat Captain, Lake Thunderbird, Oklahoma

## **Sharing Our Message**

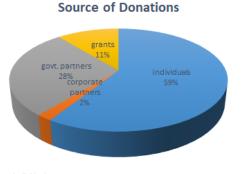
We increased our online and social media presence, resulting in an increased amount of donations and awareness of our programs, above and beyond our normal media outreach.

## **Financial Report**

76% of all Donations and Sponsorships go directly into our Programs



### Every donation is critical to our success and to the smiles we see at every event



■ individuals ■ corporate partners ■ govt. partners ■ grants

"Our sweet son who is nonverbal, autistic and has epilepsy very often lives inside himself .... Our boat captain was so sweet in helping spark any interest and involvement and he actually opened up to them....It brought tears of happiness for his Dad and I to see him enjoy this new experience so fully." " – Parent, Strawberry Reservoir, Utah