



*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 day-long 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 - 1991-2017

- Over 117,890 Kids (CAST for Kids and Fishing Kids events) & over 1,917 Warriors & Families
- 1000 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 in empowering all kids to catch a special thrill by taking them on a fun-filled day of fishing, celebrating them as loved and valuable, and encouraging them to believe anything is possible.



We give every 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, 2017



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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## Impact of 2017 Events

56 Events in 26 States

3,164 Participants & 3,514 Volunteers

Breakdown by Program:

- C.A.S.T. for Kids Program 47 events in 22 states  
1,649 Kids & 3,130 Volunteers
- Fishing Kids Program  
5 events in 1 state  
1,267 Kids & 262 Volunteers
- Take a Warrior Fishing Program  
3 events in 3 states  
248 Warriors/Families & 122 Volunteers



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

## Personal Stories

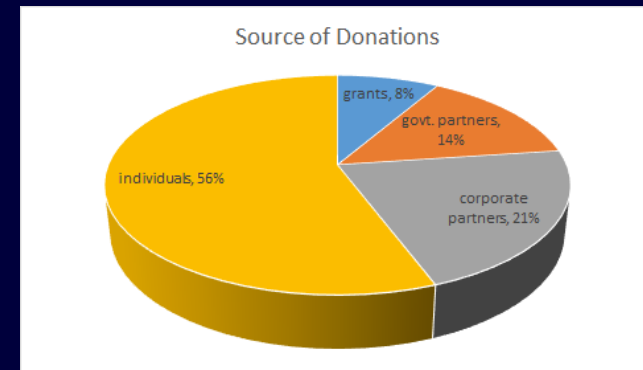
*"My grandson who is 5 years old has never been fishing or even on a boat and he has Autism and has a hard time communicating. Well, after this experience, all he does is bring up how he caught fish and drove the boat! This has been the best day he's had and will continue to be one of his best memories."*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

*"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

*"Awesome event! Everyone was wonderful and helpful. Bravo for an excellent community event for special needs kids. The best experience for kids and parents!!!"* – Parent of Participant, Los Vaqueros Reservoir, CA

## 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.



*"We loved it so much! It was a huge blessing to provide the equipment and the boat captains were so patient and motivated to teach the kids a new skill. My son loved fishing and felt real special receiving the plaque he hung it up on his wall as soon as we got home! More events like this are needed!"* – Parent of Participant, Buffalo Springs