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To change the lives of student-athletes who have experienced catastrophic injury or illness by providing scholarships, creating community and instilling hope and purpose.

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Swim With Mike Foundation
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Your gift to Swim With Mike will help provide college and university scholarships to physically challenged student-athletes, enabling them to recapture their dreams and have fulfilling and productive lives. Find out more about what we do and how we do it at www.swimwithmike.org.

Here’s what we do – and why.

We are hundreds of volunteers, campaign fundraisers, swimmers, sponsors and donors from throughout the U.S. and abroad. We support physically challenged athletes in college who have overcome life-changing accidents or illnesses. Our scholarship alumni now includes doctors, lawyers, engineers, social workers, executives, teachers and more.

We swim, float, run, walk and wheel laps while actively participating in various fundraising challenges. We solicit sponsor pledges and donations, and create new ways to do whatever we can to support this unique Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund.

After tragedy, getting back to education is getting back to life – and independence. We thrive in spite of paralysis, amputation and even blindness. Your generous donations are more than $27 million to date – and with your help we can do even more!
Seems almost hard to believe. It was nearly 42 years ago that Mike Nyeholt, an All-American swimmer from USC, was paralyzed in an accident that not only changed his life but led to the formation of Swim With Mike, a nationally renowned program that has changed the lives of hundreds of other similarly affected athletes throughout the country. The program’s Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to athletes whose lives have been affected, as Mike’s was, as a result of a tragic accident or illness.

Each year since 1981, fundraising campaigns and other events have been held at USC and other locations to help raise the donations that have kept the program thriving. More than $27 million has been raised from generous donors such as you, including nearly $7 million in endowment resources, enabling Swim With Mike to fund an astounding 286 scholarships to students attending 146 colleges and universities over the years.

Now, as we enter our 42nd year, we’re calling on you once again. Please do what you can. Your generosity will continue to bring hope and the gift of independence to deserving young people and help them to overcome adversity through education. Thank you!

**Forty-two years of making an enormous difference in the lives of young athletes**

**SWIM WITH MIKE BY THE NUMBERS**

- Over $27 Million raised for scholarships since 1981
- 286 scholarship recipients since 1981
- 146 universities attended nationwide since 1981
- 52 scholarship recipients with $700,000 in scholarships awarded in academic year 2022–2023

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**Recent Swim With Mike Recipients**

- **Kie Fujii**
  Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine
  “SWM is a phenomenal organization that has made hundreds of student-athletes’ dreams come true. I am incredibly grateful.”

- **Charles Kennedy**
  Hildgate College
  “I now have the privilege to help pave the way for student-athletes who have the courage to never give up.”

- **Alex Ruiz**
  University of Southern California
  “This selfless group of people has inspired me and taught me what it looks like to handle adversity head on.”

- **Rachel Norris**
  Texas Tech University
  “I wouldn’t be who and where I am today without the support of every person that contributes to the Ripple Effect.”

- **Kelli Sakaguchi**
  UCLA
  “I hope to carry on Mike Nyeholt’s selfless legacy by giving back and creating opportunities for other individuals with disabilities.”

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**Changing Peoples’ Lives – including our own**

When Ron Orr and Mike Nyeholt created Swim With Mike, they knew it would be a learning experience, and it was. But nothing, they now say in reflection, like what they have learned from the recipients themselves.

Ron: “Education is the great equalizer. Pursuing education is a roadmap for recovery after a traumatic injury. It is an opportunity to pursue a new chapter, offering student-athletes, who are driven and competitive by nature, a sense of purpose, independence and well-being.”

Mike: “As student-athletes, Swim With Mike scholars are challenged to push through life-altering obstacles and serve as pillars of courage – and hope – for those who follow.”

Thank you for making it possible.

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**Swim With Mike Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants for Swim With Mike Scholarships must meet specific eligibility requirements:

- Participated in organized athletics (high school, college or club) prior to illness or injury
- Suffered an illness or injury resulting in a physical disability, which substantially limits daily activity (paralysis, blindness, cancer, amputation, or head injury)
- Meets the admission requirements of a four-year or graduate-level institution
- Makes progress toward a degree after college or graduate school acceptance
- Maintains a minimum of 2.5 GPA cumulative and be “in good academic standing”
- Demonstrates financial need