Swim With Mike

BY THE NUMBERS

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The friends that started it all

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Hello Friends,

We are celebrating the 40th year of Swim With Mike because of the support and kindness of friends like you. The generosity for the Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund continues to inspire our scholarship recipients and their families. Following a tragic accident or illness, dreams of an education are oftentimes lost amongst medical bills, lifestyle changes and home care. What we have learned from our graduates is that education and scholarship support are most important for their self-esteem, professional goals and self-sufficiency.

The 40th Annual event had to be rescheduled to April 10, 2021, but fortunately, fundraising and endowment income allowed us to award over $750,000 in scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year. We were unable to add as many new recipients as qualified for our scholarship, so they were encouraged to apply again following next year’s 40th annual event.

On behalf of the entire SWM Family Association, thank you for making it possible to retain our scholarships for those returning to complete their degree. In addition, we would like to thank Patsy Dewey and her family for endowing a second Swim With Mike Endowed Scholarship. Endowed scholarship income during unforeseen difficult fundraising years enables our scholarship support to continue.

Please enjoy reading about the impact you have made on our recent eight graduates. In addition, we have included an introduction to each of our seven new scholarship recipients and a list of our returning SWM students – all totaled equals 57 students. We all thank you for your support.

See you on April 10, 2021.

Mike Nyeholt
Chairman of the Board

Cover: SWM founders Ron Orr and Mike Nyeholt. See page 4.
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The Swim With Mike Ripple Effect Continues

When you create a difference in someone’s life, you not only impact their life, you impact everyone influenced by them. Swim With Mike creates waves.

Since the awarding of our first scholarship in 1981 there have been 258 scholarship recipients who serve as a testament to that fact and we can all be very proud. We have helped create the ripple that has gathered strength with each and every recipient and the support they receive for their personal and professional growth.

Prior to our April event postponement, support from our loyal friends provided $750,000 allocated to support 57 Swim With Mike scholarship recipients for this 2020-2021 academic year. Each and every one of our recipients is interviewed by a Swim With Mike Board member, reviewed at the annual Board meeting and voted upon for allocation of support funds. Given the limited resources, the Board was tasked to be very selective this year.

We will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary on April 10, 2021 – 2 years of celebration - at the USC Uytengsu Aquatics Center. Please join us for a fun-filled day with the Swim Clinic, Masters Workout, Trojan Marching Band, USC Song Girls, Biggest Splash Contest, Football Team/Song Girl Relay, Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Dr. Arthur C. Bartner, Silent Auction and Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

We have all experienced many challenges this year, but the ripple keeps us moving forward. Let’s make it a wave as we start a new academic year and our annual fundraising campaign. Enjoy the 2020 SWM grad’s quotes for an insight on the impact you are making on our Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund. In addition, read about our seven new recipients and you will learn that it all couldn’t have happened without the support of Swim With Mike, and that’s you.

Become a Campaign Director!

Join our 40th Annual Swim With Mike Fundraising Campaign to support our Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund! As a Campaign Director, you can become a grassroots representative, reaching out to your friends, colleagues, neighbors, family and prospective sponsors to support your own fundraising campaign. You can also help recruit other campaign directors by emailing us at swimwithmike.org. Join the Swim With Mike wave of support!
The Man Behind Swim With Mike

How an idea born of crisis became a nationwide movement that influenced the lives of hundreds of student-athletes

By John Naber

The founder of Swim With Mike, Ron Orr, grew up surrounded by the disease of alcoholism, and swimming laps became his escape. In the water, Ron could pound the surface as hard and for as long as his arms would allow. He gradually became an excellent distance swimmer.

At Jefferson Intermediate School, Orr met Mike Nyeholt, another Southern California swimmer, and together, they swam through high school and college.

As Freshmen at USC, they shared a dorm room, and shared the “Animal Lane” reserved for the hardest working distance swimmers. Rod Strachan, a teammate and eventual Olympic champion, dubbed the pair, “The Washing Machine” for Orr’s consistent and relentless pounding of the water, and “The Rinse Cycle” as Mike followed closely behind. On weekends, Nyeholt’s car took them back home for clean laundry and home cooked meals. They may not have been inseparable, but they certainly spent a great deal of time in each other’s company.

Significant accomplishments

In spite of Orr’s growing love of the hard-drinking on-campus fraternity lifestyle, together, they shared three NCAA Championship Team titles, dozens of All-American Awards, an individual NCAA runner-up finish and they competed for spots on the 1976 US Olympic Swim Team.

After college, Orr remained at USC as a Graduate Assistant coach and fundraiser, and worked for the LA Olympic Organizing Committee, while Nyeholt dipped his toe into the Southern California real estate market.

In 1980, Orr spent the year coming to terms with his father’s suicide. Genetically predisposed to alcohol, his drinking got him into progressively increasing trouble including suspension of his driver’s license. Ron had to confront his alcoholism but didn’t know how.

And then the telephone rang.

His friend, Mike, was in the hospital. “Nye” had flown over the handlebars of a dirt bike in the desert. He had damaged his spinal column and was in serious condition.

Putting things in perspective

The revelation was sudden and powerful, “It put my stuff in perspective,” Orr said. “I hoped it wasn’t true, but I had to go see him and find out what I could do to help.”

Orr also came to realize that he was the lucky one. “Mike was injured and he didn’t have much choice. On the other hand, I did have a choice.” Ron decided to focus his attention on Mike, and in doing so he decided to quit drinking.

In the hospital, Orr confessed his drinking problem, and said half-seriously, “Mike, I won’t have a license for three years so you will have to drive me around.” The idea of raising funds for an adapted motor vehicle became a reality. Orr began gathering inspirational notes on index cards in the form of “Messages for Mike.” He also launched the “Swim For Mike” campaign, where swimmers asked for small donations in exchange for swimming laps. The money would pay for costs insurance did not cover, and

an adapted van. The Swim For Mike event was scheduled for March 7, 1981.

That morning, hundreds of people turned up and over $58,000 was raised. Folks of all shapes and sizes were swimming their laps in the water when the ambulance arrived. Mike was rolled to the water’s edge, wearing a halo, with metal bolts screwed into his skull. Applause and cheers rippled through the crowd, and then the splashing grew still.

The birth of something big

Mike never liked speaking in public, but he felt compelled to say a few words. His friends recall something like, “Thank you for what you have done for me. Today, we’ve raised more than I need, and if you are willing to use these funds for other unfortunate people like me, we can do this again next year . . . and by that time, I’ll find a way to get out of this chair and into that water to join you in helping the next kid.” Those in attendance were seen wiping away their tears. At that moment “Swim With Mike” was born.

Orr organized and managed the campaign, along with his ongoing recovery, and went on to enjoy a remarkable career in development at USC. He also opened the door for Nyeholt’s first post-accident job, an accounting position that eventually led to a successful career with The Capital Group Companies, a multi-national investment group.

“Swim With Mike” has become known for the relationships it creates between scholarship recipients’ family members as well as the connections between Board members and recipients. To date, more than 15,000 donors have contributed over $24 million dollars to “Swim With Mike.” Two hundred fifty-eight recipients have attended 132 schools across the country, with more than 50 scholarships awarded annually.

In spite of a recent job change, Ron Orr continues to serve as Executive Director of the organization, now in its 40th year, and Mike Nyeholt still serves as its Chairman. Orr has been sober since 1981, Nyeholt swims regularly for exercise, and the two friends continue to see each other socially as often as possible.
2019-2020 Swim With Mike Graduates

Amen Alyasiry
University of Arizona
Electrical Engineering

“Without the selflessness of your organization, this challenge would have been a mere dream with no real possibility of becoming a reality. In my time spent at the University of Arizona, I was able to hone my abilities in all facets of life. I would like to thank everyone at SWM from the bottom of my heart for not allowing infinite potential to go unfulfilled.”

Kyle Carpenter
Azusa Pacific University
B.S. Nursing

“Thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of this scholarship and being a part of the Swim With Mike family. Because of the generous scholarship I received, I am able to finish nursing school and truly have been able to focus and work on being the best I can possibly be in my academic endeavors. I am eternally grateful and appreciative of the contributions Swim With Mike has made by investing in my education, and am looking forward to continue being involved with this organization.”

Molly Fausone
University of Michigan
M.D. Medicine

“I am writing to thank you for nine years of financial and social support. From BA in Human Biology at Stanford to a Masters in Higher Education, to an MD from the University of Michigan Medical School you have supported me. I have spent much of this year interviewing for residency positions across the country. I am excited to tell you I matched to my first choice program, Vanderbilt University Medical Center Internal Medicine Program. After residency I plan to be a physician educator at an academic medical center teaching students and residents, and caring for patients. I hope that SWM is still able to have a successful fundraising year for the sake of all the students who still, and maybe more than usual, will need your support. Thank you for bettering the lives of young student athletes with disabilities. It is important work. Sending love and gratitude.”

Macdaniel Graff
Gonzaga University
Kinesiology

“Thank you doesn’t begin to express how appreciative I am for your contributions. I would never be able to pursue my dream of an education without the support of the Swim With Mike scholarship. It’s because of generous donors like you that physically challenged kids like me have the opportunity to overcome those challenges and concentrate on preparing for the future.”
Mackenzie Johnson
Auburn University
Accounting

“Thank you for helping fund my undergraduate endeavors. Your contributions have impacted my life more than words can describe. You have not only helped fund my educational pursuits to earn a BS in Accountancy, but also allowed me the invaluable experience of being a D1 student-athlete at Auburn University. Swim With Mike is truly a life-changing organization.”

Mackenzie Langley
Denver University
Sociology

“None of this would have been possible without the incredible generosity that all of you at Swim With Mike have shown to me. Having Swim With Mike by my side throughout the past four years has allowed me to grow and see other young athletes like me continue to succeed in spite of the challenges they have encountered. So, thank you. Thank you for helping me pursue an education and thank you for letting me be a part of your special community of amazing athletes, mentors, donors and volunteers.”

Katie Pasichuke
University of Southern California
International Relations, Global Business

“I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me make it through my undergrad at USC. I am so glad I was able to participate in the annual events, working as a SWM student staff member for two years, hosting my own swim-a-thon fundraiser at my hometown, the fundraisers and happy hour night I held for SWM at USC Village restaurants, and raising SWM awareness and fundraising involvement on the USC campus with my sorority and Greek life.”

Brooke Thabit
Savannah College of Art and Design
Interior Design

“Thank you greatly for awarding me the privilege of being part of the Swim With Mike family. This scholarship has made my dreams of attending the Savannah College of Art and Design attainable. Without the assistance of Swim With Mike I know it would not be possible for myself and many others to attend college, and I am forever thankful for the opportunities you provide to students every day. I feel very honored to be a part of such a wonderful organization! Thank you.”
Corben Brooks
Mount Shasta, CA
UCLA Law, Spring 2023
C-5/6 Quadriplegia

Corben grew up playing football, basketball and golf. He had planned to play football at the United States Coast Guard Academy and become a rescue helicopter pilot. However, during a football game, Corben tackled another player and landed awkwardly. After surgery, Corben awoke to a diagnoses of C-5/6 Quadriplegia. Thanks to Swim With Mike, Corben received a Bachelor’s from USC in 2017 and a Master of Health Administration in 2019. Corben’s desire to empower disabled individuals has led him to the UCLA School of Law. As a lawyer, he intends to use his experience to effectively advocate for the disabled community.

Andrew Donnellan
Tucson, AZ
University of Arizona Law – Spring 2023
Quadriplegia

Drew has thrived despite his disability. He graduated with his high school class and then, with Swim With Mike’s help, graduated with honors in four years from the University of Arizona in 2012. After graduation, Drew went on to work two jobs and live independently in his own home. He organized local Swim With Mike fundraisers both during and after his undergraduate year. He is studying disability law at the University of Arizona.

Natalie Fung
San Marino, CA
UCLA Masters in Business Administration Spring 2022
C-5 Quadriplegia

Natalie played volleyball as a kid and was in the high school Marching Band. She went on to USC, her dream school, and majored in Public Relations. She was set to graduate early with job opportunities in sight when suddenly, while in a taxi in Las Vegas, an auto accident resulted in a C-5 spinal cord injury. After three months in the hospital, Natalie returned to USC and finished her degree. She found her place with dance when she joined an internationally recognized wheelchair dance team called the Rollettes and is pursuing an MBA at UCLA with the goal to help working persons with disabilities.

Sam Hussin
Cardiff, CA
USC Architecture Spring 2023
Severe nerve damage to left knee

Going from Fox’s San Diego Athlete of the week as the starting defensive end for La Costa Canyon football, to laying in bed for two years is not an easy change to adapt to. In the case of Sam Hussin, he didn’t have much of a choice. On October 5th, 2018 he endured a catastrophic injury that left his left leg virtually destroyed and his left foot paralyzed. After three surgeries totaling 23 hours he found Swim With Mike. It has given him not only the support but the hope for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling future.

Myles Molnar
Pleasanton, CA
USC Mathematics Spring 2024
C-5/6 Quadriplegia

Myles played baseball and soccer but in the fourth grade he was introduced to wrestling and that became his passion. In 2015, after seventh grade, the family moved to Abu Dhabi UAE and Myles attended an American International School. On January 21, 2017 while participating in a school wrestling practice, he suffered a spinal cord injury which resulted in dislocation of his C-5/C6 vertebrae. Emergency surgery and months in rehabilitation hospitals followed. Myles graduated from his hometown high school on time with his peers despite adversity. Through the Swim With Mike scholarship, Myles plans to pursue a career in applied mathematics.

Heidi Pearson
Bruneau, ID
Boise State University Exercise Science Spring 2024
T-11 Paraplegia

Heidi grew up playing basketball, volleyball, and track and field at Rimrock High in Idaho. She placed first in discus at the Western Idaho Conference Championship her junior year. That summer she worked as a lifeguard, taught swimming lessons and was a hydrology intern for Boise State University. On June 23, 2019, Heidi drove off a remote dirt road over a steep embankment. Heidi’s back was broken between T-11/T-12 and the surgeon fused her spine between T-10L-1. Ever the athlete, Heidi focused on rehabilitation and quickly became involved in adaptive sports, which she continues to pursue while a student at Boise State.

Our new recipients

Please welcome our Swim With Mike Physically Challenged Athlete Scholarship Fund scholarship recipients for the 2020-21 academic year.

The SWM Board of Directors has gone to great lengths to interview each of these new scholarship recipients to ensure that they meet the demanding criteria deserving the financial, educational and personal support our SWM Family offers them.

These outstanding and highly qualified SWM scholarship recipients are most deserving of our support and we applaud their accomplishments to date.
2020-21 Continuing Students

Emma Bailey
Meredith College  
Business Marketing Spring 2023  
C-5 Quadriplegia  
Basketball, Volleyball, Pole vault

Nicholas Balenger
College of William & Mary  
J.D. Law Degree Spring 2021  
C-4/5 Tetraplegia Incomplete  
Baseball

Joe Barber
Southern Connecticut State U.  
Film Production Spring 2021  
C-5 Complete Spinal Cord Injury  
Football, Rugby, Soccer

Brad Bauer
University of Missouri Columbia  
Business Marketing  
B.A. Fall 2022  
C-4 Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury  
Swimming, Water polo  
Quad Rugby, Cycling

Jeremy Boyd
University of Alabama  
Double B.S. Creative Media & African American Studies  
Spring 2022  
Below knee paralysis  
Football, Track  
Wheelchair Tennis

Josh Brewer
University of Arizona  
B.S. Economics Spring 2022  
Triple Amputee  
Track, Soccer  
Wheelchair Basketball

Austin Brotman
Stanford University  
Symbolic Systems Spring 2022  
C-6 Spinal Cord Injury  
Swimming, Water polo

Kyle Carpenter
Azusa Pacific University  
Bachelors of Science, Nursing  
Summer 2020  
L-1/2 Spinal Cord, Paraplegia  
BMX Bike Racing  
Wheelchair Basketball

Ruben Casas
University of California, Davis  
Managerial Economics  
Spring 2021  
C-6/7 Tetraplegia  
Baseball, Football

Joseline Castillo
Drexel University  
Architecture Spring 2022  
Transverse Myelitis, Paraplegia  
Soccer, Swimming

Logan Caudle
Auburn University  
Masters, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Spring 2021  
Transverse Myelitis, Paraplegia  
Baseball  
Wheelchair Track, Softball and Basketball

Zack Collie
Cal State Fullerton  
M.S. Counseling Fall 2022  
C-4 Quadriplegia  
Wrestling, Basketball

Dillon Connolly
University of Southern California  
M.S. in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Spring 2021  
C-4/5 Quadriplegia  
Baseball, Swimming

Abigail Curtis
Liberty University  
B.S. Psychology Spring 2022  
Bilateral Paraplegia  
Soccer, Cross Country

Jessica Duhon-Rodriguez
Concordia University, Chicago  
Health & Human Performance  
PhD Spring 2021  
T-2/3 Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury  
Basketball, Softball

Morgan Dunnigan
Davidson College  
B.S. Computer Science and Economics Spring 2021  
C-2 Quadriplegia  
Soccer

Mahrokh Ebrahim
UCLA  
M.S. Computer Science/Data Science - Fall 2022  
C-6/7 Quadriplegia  
Badminton

Deborah Ede-Reddout
University of North Texas  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Spring 2022  
C-5/6 Spinal Cord Injury, T8  
Spinal Dural Arteriovenous Fistula

Philip Evans
University of Arizona  
Business Management  
B.A. Spring 2022  
Masters Spring 2023  
T-11 Paraplegia  
Cricket, Tennis, Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball

Abigail Curtis
Liberty University  
B.S. Psychology Spring 2022  
Bilateral Paraplegia  
Soccer, Cross Country

Karli Fuji
Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine  
at Seton Hall University  
Medicine Spring 2023  
C-4/6 Quadriplegia  
Track & Field, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Swimming

Hunter Garstin
Western Kentucky University  
B.S. Psychological Sciences  
Spring 2021  
C-6 Spinal Cord Injury  
Wrestling

Alex Goldmeier
William James College  
Psy.D. Clinical Psychology - Spring 2024  
T-4 Paraplegia  
Golf, Tennis, Soccer  
Adaptive Sports

Ben Hulin
Grand Canyon University  
PhD Psychology Fall 2022  
T-5/6 Paraplegia  
Skiing, Basketball, Soccer  
Wheelchair Racing, Triathlon, Skiing

Philip Evans
University of Arizona  
Business Management  
B.A. Spring 2022  
Masters Spring 2023  
T-11 Paraplegia  
Cricket, Tennis, Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball

Kie Fujii
Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine  
at Seton Hall University  
Medicine Spring 2023  
C-4/6 Quadriplegia  
Track & Field, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Swimming

Hunter Garstin
Western Kentucky University  
B.S. Psychological Sciences  
Spring 2021  
C-6 Spinal Cord Injury  
Wrestling

Jonathan Jimenez
San Diego State University  
Marketing Spring 2021  
Quadriplegia  
Basketball, Baseball, Soccer

Jonah Karpman
University of California, Berkeley  
Business Administration  
Spring 2022  
C-4/6 Quadriplegia  
Rowing, Baseball, Lacrosse, Football

Jackson MacTaggart
Pennsylvania State University  
B.S. Astrophysics/Astronomy/Mathematics Spring 2023  
C-5 Quadriplegia  
Distance running

Gabriela Martinez
University of Southern California  
M.S. Social Work Spring 2021  
C-5 Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury  
Swimming, Running, Softball, Synchronized Swimming

Kendra Muller-Taylor
University of San Diego  
Law Spring 2022  
C-6 Quadriplegia  
Soccer, Cross Country  
Wheelchair Rugby, Skiing, Paragliding

Ronan A. Nelson
University of San Diego  
School of Law  
Juris Doctor Spring 2022  
C-5/6 Quadriplegia  
Rugby, Soccer, Football

Christopher O’Brien
George Washington University  
Masters of Security Policy Studies, Concentration in U.S. National Security  
Spring 2021  
Quadriplegia, Swimming, Mountain Biking, Sailing

Andrew Ouellette
University of Colorado, Boulder  
Business Administration  
Spring 2021  
C-5 ASIA B Quadriplegia  
Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis

Matthew Parks
East Carolina University  
B.S. Management Information Systems Spring 2023  
T-9 Paraplegia  
Football, Track

Rio Peterson
Walden University  
MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Summer 2021  
C-4/6 Quadriplegia  
Basketball
Continuing Students (cont.)

Jimmy Pierce  
Portland State University Oregon  
Institute of Technology  
Mechanical Engineering  
Spring 2022  
T-6 Complete Spinal Cord Injury  
Swimming, Triathlon  
Cycling, Skiing

Jonathan Placzcz  
Metropolitan State University  
Construction Project  
Management Spring 2024  
C-4 Quadriplegia  
Hockey, Lacrosse

AnnaLee Konsoer-Rose  
Louisiana State University  
Biology Spring 2021  
Tethered Spine, Syringomyelia, Nerve root sleeve cysts, Drop foot, loss of sensation  
Basketball, Track, Volleyball

Troy Russell  
University of New Haven  
National Security Fall 2020  
Spinal Cord Injury  
Baseball, Basketball

Kelli Sakaguchi  
UCLA  
Pre-Neuroscience  
Spring 2023  
Paraplegia  
Softball, Basketball, Canoe Paddling

Tyler Schilhabel  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Master of Arts Spring 2021  
T-4 Complete Paraplegia  
Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball

Zachary Schmitz  
University of Wisconsin Parkside  
Masters in Business  
Administration Fall 2020  
C-5 Quadriplegia  
Cross Country, Basketball, Track

Kelly Secor  
Metropolitan State University  
Therapeutic Recreation, Psychology Minor Summer 2021  
Myriad of afflictions  
Mountain Bike Racing, Swimming, Ski Racing, Cross Country, Hockey  
Monoski, Adaptive bike

Ellie Shepard  
University of Denver  
Social Work Fall 2020  
C-6 Incomplete Tetraplegia  
Swimming, Water polo

Daniel Smuts  
University of Missouri  
Secondary Education  
Spring 2024  
T-7 Complete Paraplegia  
Baseball, Soccer  
Wheelchair Basketball,

Aaron Stant  
Ohio State University  
B.S. Architecture  
Spring 2022  
Spinal Muscular Atrophy  
Swimming, Golf

Blake Steinecke  
California State University  
San Marcos  
Business Fall 2020  
Mountain Biking, Hockey  
Blind Hockey

Chase Wagner  
University of Southern California  
Film Editing Fall 2020  
Paraplegia  
Baseball, Soccer

Mark Wilbourne  
University of Colorado Boulder  
B.S. Aerospace Engineering  
Spring 2023  
Paraplegia  
Football, Cross Country, Triathlon, Long Distance Running, Paratriathlon

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Make a Difference!

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Text to give: Text SWIM to 41444.

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The Miller Challenge - $400
The G. Willard Miller Foundation has contributed over $500,000 to SWM. Through the generosity of Stephen Miller and SWM board member Michael Thomas, the Foundation matches all $400 contributions— that’s $10 for each year since our SWM inception!

Swim With Mike 6th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Presented by UBS - Team Sponsor - $1,000
Be a Team Sponsor at our ever-growing Wheelchair Basketball Tournament - and join us on April 3 and 4 for our exciting tournament at the USC Lyon Center.

Lane Sponsor - $1,000
Sponsor a Lane at the 40th Annual Swim With Mike USC event at USC. Donations are recognized at the pool on the day of the event and in our annual yearbook.

Lane Sponsor at USC and SWM Satellite Events - $1,500
Sponsor a Lane at our USC Swim With Mike event and all SWM Satellite events. You will be recognized at all events and in our annual yearbook.

The Anniversary Club - $4,000
This fund was started on the 10th Anniversary of Swim With Mike to honor each anniversary with a $100 gift for every year of the Fund’s existence. In this, our 40th year, the donation level is $4,000.

ENDOWMENTS
An endowed scholarship may be created with a minimum $100,000 gift, which can be payable over a five-year period. The principal of the gift remains intact while the interest funds generated are distributed to the USC Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund. The SWM Endowment Fund currently has more than $3.5 million. Our goal is to reach $5-10 million to support our Swim With Mike mission in perpetuity.

To learn more about our recipients, or to make a donation, visit us at www.swimwithmike.org
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