



AMERICAN FRIENDS OF
ISRAEL SPORT CENTER
FOR THE DISABLED



2021

AFISCD

IMPACT REPORT

The American Friends of ISCD is committed to providing ongoing financial support to the Center, empowering children and youth with physical disabilities from all backgrounds to participate in physical and psychological rehabilitation through sports in order to attain the goal of leading productive and successful lives in Israeli society.

Dear Friends,

2021 was a year like no other. It began with plans to gather, travel and attend big events, but our dreams of coming together were shattered by the reality of continued shutdowns and separation. This didn't keep American Friends of Israel Sport Center for the Disabled (AFISCD) from achieving our goals, though. As the pandemic persisted, so did we. Our mission to empower children and adults with physical disabilities through sport inspired us to continue working to raise the funds necessary to support the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled (ISCD) in Israel.

We all remember 2020 when life stood still and the pandemic surged; but even in pandemics, there are silver linings. We pivoted, got creative, and had successful virtual fundraisers where individuals, families, and friends participated while in quarantine. As the country went into a second year of lockdowns, we decided to use our time productively and establish a five-year vision and strategic plan. The ISCD in Israel is more than 60 years old and in need of substantial repairs. At AFISCD, we resolved that the pandemic was not going to stop us from completing those repairs and expanding services.

The ISCD was built on the foundation of establishing critical role models at every step of one's journey and therefore is operated by people who themselves have disabilities. ***Our younger children look up to their coaches and the ISCD's competitive athletes as they are part of the chain of inspiration, offering them hope that their personal dreams can come true.***

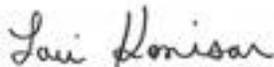
Thanks to you, our donors and friends, we've had an incredible year. Your contributions added an important link in the chain of inspiration that runs through the ISCD, and YOU made dreams come true in 2021.

This year, we raised more money than ever before, making it possible for us to renovate the ISCD's table tennis facility. During the pandemic, the ISCD was deemed essential by the Israeli government, and we were able to provide additional social services to support athletes and their families in their time of need.

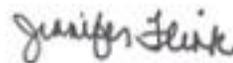
2022 promises to bring so much more. We have lofty and attainable goals, a growing board aligned with our mission, and a remarkable staff. Our partners in Israel are passionate, hardworking individuals who dedicate their lives to these children and young adults. Nothing brings us more joy than knowing we're changing the lives of so many in Ramat Gan, Israel.

On behalf of the American Friends of Israel Sport Center for the Disabled's Officers, Board Members, and staff, we thank you, our friends and donors, for your continuing commitment and financial support.

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Thank you our friends and donors for being a part of the AFISCD.



Lori Komisar
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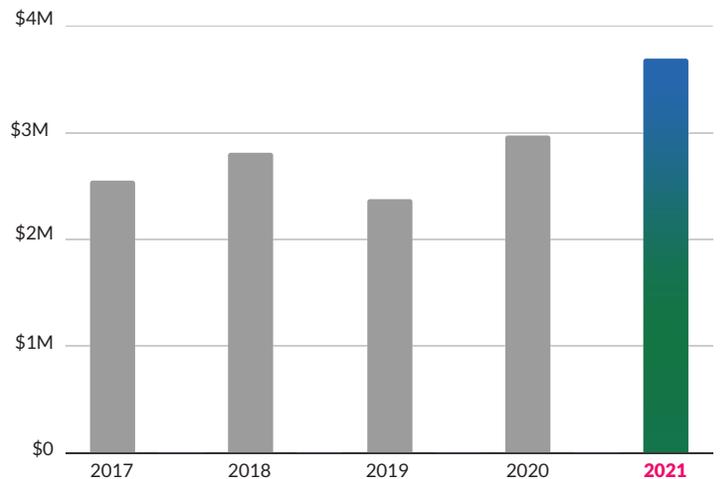


2021 FUNDRAISING

2021 was an incredible year for AFISCD. We exceeded our fundraising goals. Below are just a few of the many highlights from 2021:

\$3.6 MILLION

raised in 2021, a substantial increase over the last five years



1,235

Individuals donated to AFISCD in 2021



Our average gift increased to

\$2,160

from

\$1,673

in 2020

“On behalf of myself and the thousands who are transformed by the rehabilitation, programs, and incredible community at the ISCD, thank you for making 2021 a huge success.”

Jon Michelon, National Philanthropy Chair

"I've supported the ISCD for almost 20 years because it's what we want the whole world to be: welcoming of all regardless of where you live, how you worship, who you love, or how you navigate the planet."

Mike Leven
AFISCD Donor

2021 EVENTS

Despite the limitations of the pandemic, AFISCD was still able to hold a variety of successful events throughout the year.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

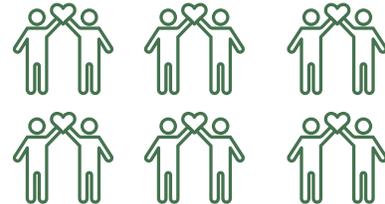
including Zoom calls with ISCD athletes and a Giving Tuesday Facebook Live event



7 MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS



6 PARLOR MEETINGS



Our three biggest events brought in more than

\$1.1 million



raised nearly

\$400,000

2021

**ANNUAL
BRUNCH**

raised approximately

\$250,000



GOLF CLASSIC

raised more than

\$450,000

"ISCD, you are all champions, every one of you, everyone who is there."

Avital
ISCD Parent



2021 ISCD HIGHLIGHTS

The ISCD had a number of wins throughout the year. Here are some of the highlights:

VACCINATION EFFORTS

The ISCD vaccinated more than 1,400 athletes, staff, volunteers, and their families in January. More than 100 vaccines per hour were administered over a 12-hour period.



2020 TOKYO PARALYMPICS

In August, five ISCD athletes proudly represented Israel by competing in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL U22 TAKES BRONZE

Israel's U22 Wheelchair Basketball team finished 3rd at the European Wheelchair Basketball Championships.



WHEELCHAIR TENNIS WORLD CUP

Israel's National Wheelchair Tennis team competed in the Wheelchair Tennis World Cup in September in Italy.



"I wouldn't be where I am today without the ISCD. Training here has been a life-changing experience."

Guy Sasson
ISCD 2021 Paralympian
Wheelchair Tennis

ISCD STATS

In 2020, the ISCD was recognized by Israel's Ministry of Health as an essential service, meaning they were able to continue operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's a snapshot of what attendance looked like throughout 2021:



1,100

children participated in the ISCD's Children's Program



1,600

adults participated in at least one of the ISCD's programs



400-600

people participated in programs at the ISCD daily

The total number of ISCD program participants increased by

400

since 2020

More than 2,700 People with Disabilities

participated in at least one program at the ISCD.

Programs fall into one of two divisions:

Rehabilitative

Rehabilitative programs focus on the physical and emotional rehabilitation of all participants.



Competitive

People who participate in competitive programs train to compete on a national and international stage.



"The Center is an incredible community that helps Israeli children and adults lead successful and fulfilling lives. Our supporters are an important link in the chain of inspiration that runs through the ISCD. Thank you for helping us expand our programming so we can provide even more opportunities for Israelis with disabilities in 2022."

Boaz Kramer, Executive Director, Israel

SHARE OUR 2022 VISION!

2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS



JIMMY CAPLAN AQUATICS CENTER

Repairing the ISCD's semi-Olympic and hydrotherapy pools are a top priority in 2022. AFISCD plans to raise \$2.75 million to renovate and rename both pools.



EXPO CENTER CONSTRUCTION

Construction on ISCD's new Expo Center began in early 2022. This 250 person permanent tent expands our ability to better serve the community.



TABLE TENNIS FACILITY RENOVATIONS

Using the funds raised in 2021, renovations for the ISCD's table tennis facilities will be completed in 2022.

NEW IN 2022



BE'ER SHEVA PROGRAM

After a break due to the pandemic, the Negev program that mainly serves children from the Bedouin communities, is back up and running.



BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our new Wheelchair Basketball High-Performance Pilot Program is underway. The selected group of 12 players receive extra court time, coaching, services and equipment.



EXPANSION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The ISCD was recognized by Israel's Ministry of Health as an essential service for the children and adults with disabilities for whom they serve. This year we will continue expanding on the services already provided.

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