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NSCD VOLUNTEER RI ARMSTRONG HONORED WITH NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY AWARD

DENVER (Nov. 10, 2025) – The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) announced today that longtime volunteer and Paralympian Ri Armstrong has been named the 2025 Outstanding Volunteer by National Philanthropy Day in Colorado, a program of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Colorado Chapter. The award was presented at the 2025 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado celebration on Nov. 6, honoring individuals and organizations who make extraordinary contributions to the community through generosity and service.

“Ri embodies everything NSCD stands for including resilience, compassion and the belief that everyone deserves access to Colorado’s great outdoors,” said Julie Taulman, NSCD President and CEO. “His legacy is not just in the medals he earned, but in the lives he’s transformed through mentorship and adaptive recreation and we are grateful to have Ri help the NSCD’s programs.”

Armstrong’s journey with NSCD spans more than five decades, from participant to elite athlete to one of the organization’s most dedicated volunteer instructors. Introduced to adaptive skiing at age 10 after surviving a traumatic attack on his family’s military base in Vietnam, Armstrong found healing and purpose through three-track skiing. He went on to represent the United States in the 1980 and 1984 Winter Paralympics, competing in downhill, slalom and giant slalom events.

For the past 37 years, Armstrong has volunteered more than 100 hours each winter season with the NSCD, teaching three-track skiing to individuals with disabilities at Winter Park Resort. His instruction is deeply personal, tailored to each skier’s physical and emotional needs and rooted in a spirit of inclusion and empowerment. Armstrong’s impact reaches far beyond the slopes. His self-funded volunteerism, quiet leadership and ability to build trust with athletes of all ages have made him a cornerstone of NSCD’s mission and a beacon of service in Colorado’s philanthropic community.

About the National Sports Center for the Disabled

The National Sports Center for the Disabled has been a leading provider of adaptive outdoor recreation experiences for the past 55 years. They are committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and the broader community rethink ability. Through the power of adaptive innovation, recreation and Colorado’s great outdoors, we are transforming lives, families and communities and creating a world that celebrates each person’s abilities. Our exhilarating adaptive outdoor experiences help participants make the very most of their passion, their talents and their aspirations. They discover a renewed sense of confidence, reignite the pure joy of play, and find motivation to try new things, meet new people and believe in their own abilities. With industry-leading adaptive equipment, renowned coaches, instructors and volunteers and unmatched mountain and metro programs, we change the perceptions of athletes of all levels and help them, and the world, [#RethinkAbility](#).

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