



# SUCCESS STORY

## SPECIAL THANKS TO CLINIC LEADERS

It is always an amazing thing to see the passion and commitment of so many volunteers each winter season. We literally have HUNDREDS of volunteers who come out to help us from December through the end of March every year.

Our winter volunteers take on numerous roles from instructing to van driving. Office assistance to equipment managers. We can't provide the programs we do all winter long without the support of volunteers.

This year is no exception. We have over 475 volunteers committing to help transform lives this winter through adaptive downhill skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing at our three mountain locations (Summit Snoqualmie, Stevens Pass and Crystal Mountain).

You might be wondering how such a small staff at Outdoors for All can possibly train hundreds of volunteers? Well we can...with the help of a dedicated group of clinic leaders who come out to our Dryland Trainings and our On-Mountain Training.

Our clinic leaders work over a series of days to help train new and returning volunteers in their area of volunteer roles. Clinic leaders delve in to teaching a variety of skills needed to help our volunteers be successful during their time with us in the winter. Whether it is equipment management or tethering behind a bi-ski...our clinic leaders and trainers strive to get volunteers ready for first day of lessons.

This year we were also able to have two Paralympic athletes helping add to our clinics. Carl Burnett is a veteran of the U.S. Adaptive Skiing Team and helped with giving the ins and outs of mono-skiing.

Sean Halsted, a U.S. Air Force veteran who was injured after falling 40 feet out of a helicopter, while on a fast rope during a search and rescue training exercise in 1998, is part of the US Paralympic Nordic Team. Sean helped our cross-country program by providing some pointers to our volunteers on sit-skiing. (Check out some photos below!)

We would like to give a big thanks to all of our long time and new clinic leaders who helped us this year in getting over 475 volunteers ready to have an amazing year transforming lives through outdoor recreation.

THANK YOU!

