



SUCCESS STORY

VIC COLE: "Like Christmas every day!"

"It's been like Christmas each Saturday this winter!" said Vic Cole when asked how his first year of bi-skiing lessons was going. "It's been AWESOME -- I just love it! The volunteers are just great -- and great to be around. I look forward to (Saturday lessons) every week."

Outdoors for All Program Director Shelia Zentler noted, "Each week Vic gets stronger and stronger as a skier, he has pain management challenges that aren't allowing him to do a full day lesson just yet. However, he is psyched as ever!"



Vic told us that, "Do to a spinal injury a few years ago; I am no longer able to walk. My passion before my injury was bicycling. I rode across the USA for fundraisers 2 times. I now have an adaptive bicycle I pedal with my hands and it keeps me going. The winters have been particularly hard on me emotionally because I cannot get out and ride. My neighbor, John Rowe told me about a program he volunteers for called Outdoors for All. While I had never skied, some of my siblings back in Pennsylvania had."

Volunteer John Rowe said that he was glad to be a resource to helping get Vic out skiing. "It's been great winter -- for me, too!"



Besides several volunteers like John who support Vic on the hill, we're thankful for the contributions of Crystal Mountain in supporting our adaptive program there. We're also thankful to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation for their recent grant that purchased this bi-ski dedicated for us in our equipment fleet at Crystal Mountain.

Vic continued, "You have made my days more positive knowing I have something to look forward to in the winter. I am so happy to know I can still do something with my disability and I am excited to get more involved with Outdoors for All."

To get involved as a participant or volunteer with Outdoors for All, give us a call: 206.838.6030

