Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose goal is to support healthy lifestyles, improve personal safety, and establish a structure for lifelong achievement by providing subsidies for aquatic programs that serve disadvantaged youth.

Swimming helps children stay healthy. Learning to swim helps keep children safe.
Community impact

369 children acquiring basic water safety and swim skills at two sites in East Palo Alto.*

“My child was having problems sleeping. The problems have disappeared since we started coming to the pool three times a week. Just getting that regular exercise has made a huge difference.”
- swim lesson parent

34 water polo team members participating in regular training and competitions.*

“We’ve made so many friends here at the pool. It’s been good for my kids and also for me. And after I saw how much fun my children were having, I decided to learn how to swim too. It’s never too late!”
- swim lesson parent

$60,000 in funding from over 75 individuals and foundations.*

“Some of the preteens were concerned about their weight. They were happy to realize that swimming regularly not only helps them feel better, it’s a great way to keep the pounds off.”
- team coach

*2014 numbers
Starting with a pilot program in the summer of 2012, we subsidized swim lessons for 32 children at pools in the Belle Haven area of Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto, California. Both are economically disadvantaged communities.

In response to community demand, in 2013 we began subsidizing a youth water polo program at the Belle Haven pool in East Menlo Park. This program is led by Brenda Villa, the most decorated athlete in women’s water polo. Brenda won a silver medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, bronze at the 2004 Athens Olympics, another silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and a gold medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games. Her story is an inspiration to our swimmers.

Both the swim and water polo programs continued to grow in 2014, with the Belle Haven facility selected as a host site for the August Junior Olympics water polo tournament.

We will be expanding our program to other communities in 2015, including Redwood City, Mountain View, Half Moon Bay, Pescadero, and San Mateo. We will be adding lifeguard training to the list of activities supported, encouraging students to seek employment using their aquatics skills.

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Our goal is to support aquatics programs and facilities that educate, train, and engage members of underserved communities. Our initial efforts focus on San Mateo County, California. As the program grows we will add facilities and programs throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

As our rapid growth indicates, demand for these services is strong, and we have yet to fill all the unmet need. With 92% of our revenue applied directly to services and an all-volunteer staff, we have successfully promoted our programs via local media and word of mouth.

We are proud that we have been able to contribute to strengthening our local communities and appreciate your support in our efforts.

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Send a check payable to Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation to
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