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Recreational Opportunities for the Disabled.

Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports (STARS) Recreational **Facilities and** Services operates in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and prides itself on empowering & enriching lives of the disabled through adaptive recreational activities, such as winter sport activities and training.

1) What was the breaking point that defined the necessity to start the organization , from a disabled individual

facing a challenging situation to a social cause? **"STARS** was formed in 2007 by a group of parents, ski instructors, and a management group from the Steamboat Ski Corporation to help provide improved winter recreational opportunities for

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people with disabilities."

2) At the very beginning of a disabled athletes training, when starting a sport,

what kinds of emotions or things, in general, do the athletes go through, if anything specific, when compared to

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an athlete without disabilities? **Does this** stop them, or keep them going, towards

their goals?

"The emotions, a lot of the times, can feel more powerful to

a person with a disability. This is because of the stigma, the struggles, as well as because of anything else they may be facing. Adapting and finding a way to be able to recreate makes the success that much sweeter. Adaptive recreation changes lives, and overall, keeps them pushing towards their goals.

3) Is there a difference between disabled athletes who have grown all their lives being disabled since birth, and have 9

lived with a disability, compared to a disabled athlete who just became disabled? Are there similar obstacles the two must face? "In a way there is a difference between the two, but in a way there is

not. They may face very similar challenges; the only real difference is, for example, someone who has acquired an injury can relate their current way of doing things to their old way of doing things. It's amazing getting to work with all these people who have disabilities."

4) Are disabled

athletes

reluctant or eager to get in touch with STEAMBOAT stars, or both? What does it mean to them, or what will it mean for

many, in the future?

"Disabled athletes and Adaptive athletes are always eager to get involved in our programs and experience the magic to Yampa Valley. **Steamboat STARS** changes lives. I know firsthand, I was a participant in the **STARS** program and now I am a Paralympic Gold medalist and working for the mission I believe in. Our programs will continue to help

serve others and change future lives to come."

-Noah Elliot. (Steamboat STARS)



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If you would like more information on Steamboat STARS, their organization or how to get affiliated or involved with their adaptive sports programs, you may do so via their website, phone number, or email.

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The purpose of the EOTC is to motivate and aspire athletes to achieve leadership, discipline, pride, and integrity through the sport of track and field. Founded in 2009 by Micheal & Ebony Garcia, EOTC has made a positive, physical, and mental impact on those participating in the program.

1) What can you say about the East Orlando Track Club, to someone who

doesn't know about the organization' s importance

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The East Orlando Track Club (EOTC) is a nonprofit (501(c)(3)) development and competition program geared towards preparing athletes physically and mentally for what is needed to be successful on and off the track! We challenge each of our athletes and encourage them to strive for college and beyond. We assist them with targeting **Universities of their** choice and teach them how to connect and communicate with college coaches."

2) How does the East Orlando **Track Club** get its roots, and why? **"EOTC was** founded in 2009 out of necessity to train one athlete. The two founding members,

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Micheal & Ebony Garcia, both competed on the collegiate level for the University of Maryland and had a son who they believed had potential yet needed some development.

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After connecting and working with USA Track & Field (USATF) to earn their coaching certifications, EOTC stepped on the track with that one athlete

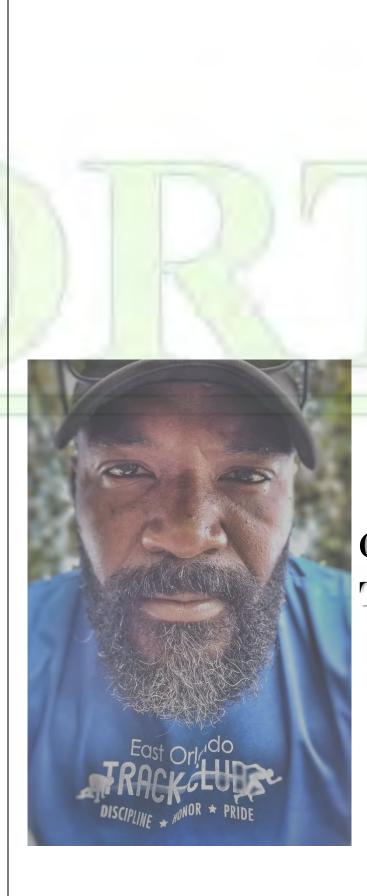
and eleven of his friends." 3) When someone dedicates their time to participate in your organization , do you see

improvement

"EOTC trains athletes, many of whom compete in other sporting activities like football, baseball, basketball, etc. EOTC has provided athletes with the opportunity to travel and compete throughout the State of Florida, and beyond. Our athletes have competed in Michigan, Iowa,

Georgia, North & South Carolina, Virginia, and California.

> However, we don't travel simply for the scenery; we go to collect hardware! EOTC has developed more than 20 athletes who earned a spot to compete for National Championships. **Eleven of them**



have earned All-American designations with our top performers finishing in the top 5 for their respective events among the best athletes in the Nation!

-Coach Micheal Garcia (East Orlando Track Club).

Questions for Volunteers:

1) Which kinds of events do you usually attend within the club?

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"The majority of the events I attend are practices, and practices are also my favorite events. This is where you see the kids putting in the hard work to meet goals. **T** have also attended local track meets and enjoy watching the kids compete. -Volunteer **Coach Paul Sebert.**

2) What does the East Orlando **Track Club** mean to you? **"To me the East Orlando** Track Club is a family. This is with head coach



-Volunteer Coach Amanda Cecilio. East Orlando

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If you would like to find more information on the East Orlando Track Club, or on how to join the team, you may do so by contacting them via their phone number, email, or website link.

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WOMEN'S SPORTS Breaking Breaking Barriers.



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The Women's **Sports** Museum's mission is to inspire girls through the power of sports. The Vision - to Inspire All. By honoring, celebrating, and recognizing those women in sport who broke the barrier, are breaking barriers, & inspiring those who will.

1) What does it mean to you to hear the words 'Women's Sports **Museum'** altogether, knowing

that just those three words stand for what is a matter of infinite importance for women &

their global value?

The first is to document and celebrate athletes who broke barriers and rules to inspire us. Secondly, so that our sons and daughters can see the possibilities and will be inspired and ignited to dream big, defy any odds set before them, and

become all they can be in the arena of sport, also in life. This is due to the power of sport... It changes lives, and we want to be that changing force!

Without our museum working to level the playing field, in sport and everyday life, we risk sidelining young women who might otherwise have incredible gifts to

share with their communities." 2) If you could give three reasons why people should go to the Women's

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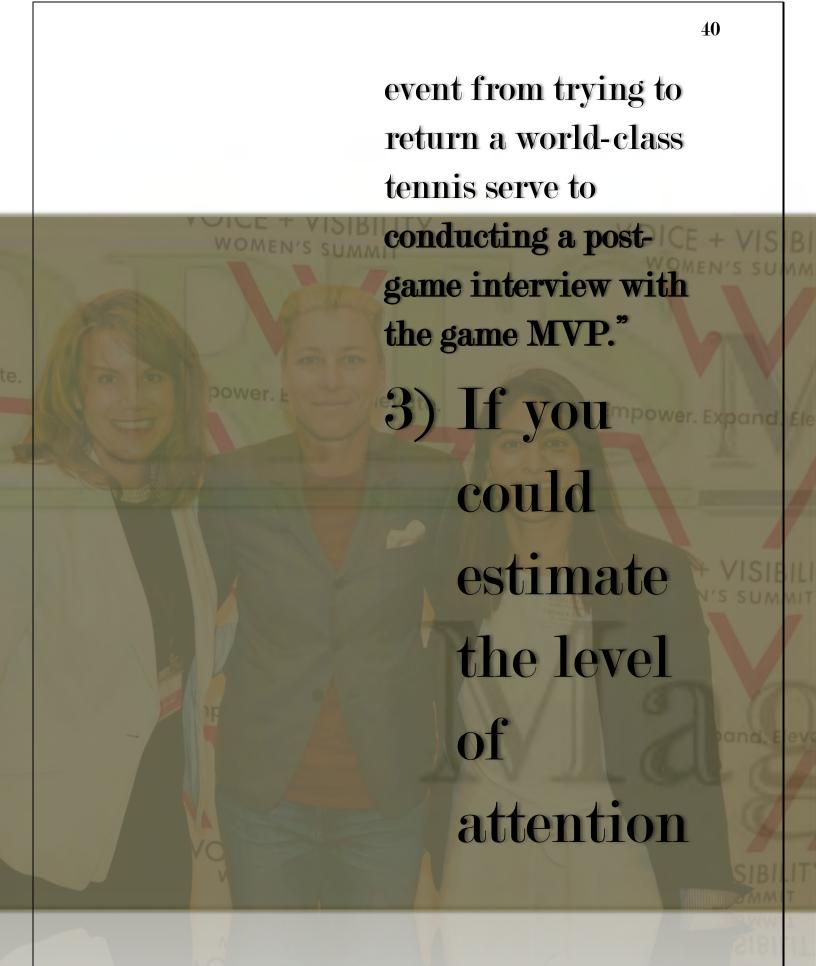
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Sports Museum, during the unveiling, or on any day of the week, then what are those

reasons?

"The Women's Sports Museum will give visitors the opportunity to explore and celebrate historic achievements, learn about the current impact of sport around the world and be inspired by the many opportunities that sport offers. Visitors will enjoy an interactive and dynamic experience, with a mix of straightforward sports

exhibits and those that are a bit more unusual. We believe immersive exhibits amp up the fun and may encourage visitors to participate in the museum's sports training programs. Our technology driven exhibits will offer visitors the chance to "get in the game" and experience various aspects of a professional sporting



that your museum will

receive, in each time span, why do you believe that the Women's

Sports Museum will be as important as you estimate it to be, & why?

"The Women's Sports Museum is the only museum in the world

devoted to women in sport. It bears repeating because there are those who wonder if a conversation about women's access to and involvement in sport is still needed. The answer is a resounding-YES! **Establishing the** museum, in online and in-person sporformats, is crucial to sharing the



story of women's achievements in sport, inspiring future generations and expanding efforts to level the playing field through inclusion initiatives."

-Beth Green (Women's Sports Museum).

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