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2020//ANNUAL REPORT



2020 WRAPPED!

HOW R2D TURNED
A NEGATIVE INTO
A POSITIVE

NOT
YOUR
FATHER'S
Dirty
MAGAZINE



Letter from our founder//

2020 is wrapped! With everything negative that went down throughout the year, we found ways to spread positive outdoor experiences with deserving individuals safely. Coming into 2020 (even before the pandemic reached our program) our plan for the year was centered around “responsible growth”. This turned out to be the perfect motto for a year as unique as 2020.

We found garage space to call the DIRT HQ, needed to store/maintain equipment and give us a home base. We organized trips for 30 athletes to use our adapted equipment in 13 locations and built upon our already successful system. And most importantly, we shared outdoor physical freedom to those who crave it.

I chalk the DIRTy 2020 up as an all around “win” for R2D and that seems to me like a marker of long term success. If we can succeed in 2020, we can succeed through anything!

Here's to a DIRTy 2021,

Tim Burr

Tim Burr, Founder









A perspective by
Participant and subject of the
short film, "Mason's Return to Dirt"

When I first moved to Carbondale, I visited a local doctor. He was totally freaked out by my wheelchair and referred me to a different physician.

Still, he mentioned a group in Glenwood Springs that was taking people out into the wilderness. "Return to outdoors (I think) is what they're called," he said. "They help people like you (in a wheelchair) get back to the outdoors." Little did I know that *Return to Dirt* would be one of the most influential and inspirational groups I'd ever know.

Fast forward 12 months and 3 *Return to Dirt* rides later—I've got a whole new perspective on how to have fun and what I can do with my disability. The entire crew at R2D is so laid-back you feel like you're just hanging with friends you've known your whole life. The machines are massive and powerful, and I was very intimidated at first! I can barely get around in my wheelchair—I thought—how am I going to handle this beast of a rig? But having the trail boss, Dylan, sitting right next to me, talking in my ear and coaching me through it, made a huge difference! Then when I saw Tim shred his machine around I knew I would be able to figure it out and have some fun!

I've now got much more confidence in myself and I'm looking to get my own machine so my family and I can go out together! R2D helped me return to fun. Return to who I am—who I used to be. When I'm asked what my R2D experience was like, I tell people they didn't just help me return to dirt. They helped me return to life.

Sincerely,



Mason Spellings



Roy Tuscany & Tim Burr. Photo by Chris Bartkowski.



Doug Rottman

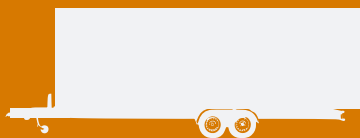


Mason Spellings & Brandon Martinez. Photo by Vital Films.



Tim Burr

Mission// Provide equipment and instruction for individuals with disabilities to pilot off-road vehicles into backcountry areas otherwise impossible to access because of a mobility impairment.





2020 Information & Stats//

Day Trips: 22

Overnight Trips: 4

Locations: 13

Athletes: 30

Hand Driven Miles: 1,524

Smiles Per Gallon: ∞

Equipment Used: Truck, Big Trailer, Small Trailer, Adapted RZR-1, Adapted RZR-2, Dirt Headquarters

Total Donations: \$65,953.07

Total Trip Costs: \$37,701.71



Kirstie's trip// Kirstie Ennis(USMC) lost her leg after a helicopter crash in 2012. Since then she has summited some of the highest peaks in the world and spread positive impact worldwide through her charity @thekirstieennisfoundation. This past season she and Ty(USMC) spent the day in the Colorado high country near where Kirstie lives.

Tyler's trip// Retired Arborist Tyler Wano has been in his wheelchair since 2019 but has not slowed down because of it. An avid concert-goer, tree expert and aspiring sit-skier, Tyler fit into the R2D crew perfectly. His trip was in June but after a day's worth of adventure we made it to snow that hadn't yet melted from the prior winter.





Polly's trip// Polly and her husband joined us for a backcountry lunch in a secluded meadow at 9,000 feet. The RZRs got us there and then we spent most of the day relaxing and drinking in the beauty.

Bryan & Ryan's trip// Both Bryan and Ryan are new to living with spinal cord injury and both of them had plenty of enthusiasm towards learning to drive in our adapted vehicles. They are a true testament to the determination needed to navigate the variability of paralysis and adaptive sports.





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Our dedicated team//



TIM BURR

Founder/President

An idea born from personal experience, Tim founded Return to Dirt as a way to share the freedom and excitement he found in hand-drive adapted vehicles with others in the disabled community. A quadriplegic since a back-country ski crash in 2014, Tim stays busy running R2D, fly fishing, and regularly testing the limits of whatever adapted vehicle he's sitting in.

BRANDON MARTINEZ

Vice President

Tim Burr's left-handed, right hand man. Brandon and Tim grew up together in Glenwood Springs, Colorado taking advantage of everything the small mountain town has to offer. Currently working for an outdoor lifestyle media agency in Carbondale, he is on a mission to make his outdoor interests a full-time job. When he isn't "working", he spends his free time outside and eating kale.

JUSTINE ARNOLD

Treasurer

Justine is the rock to our island, the H 2 our O, the Excel to our Microsoft. Without her, R2D accounting would be a shoebox filled with coffee stained receipts, regret, and anxiety. We are lucky to have Justine on as our resident CPA, but Justine is more than just a smoking gun of tax knowledge. She is a world traveler who grew up in France and has been living the cheeseburger dream in America for all of her adult life. Whether it's God Bless America or Vive la France, you know Justine is holdin' it down for R2D.

DYLAN HAGAN

Board Member & Trip Leader

Dylan, Hookin' Hagan, Cap'n or most affectionately named "TRAIL BOSS", is our athletes' co-pilot on the trail! Catch him shotgun in the RZR showing athletes the ways of our cars, or leading trail on his dirt bike. Dylan is passionate about connecting Return to Dirt athletes to landscapes they love and showing all the opportunities the mountains have to offer. He also works as a fly fishing guide when he's not mobbin' with Return To Dirt!

LUKE ARNOLD

Board Member

Initially brought on as our emotional support animal, Luke has grown so much outside of this role with Return to Dirt. Currently located in Hawai'i, Luke supports not only our emotions but also our digital marketing needs. As a young professional in hospitality, Luke makes sure we are sharp on our business acumen. Whether it's public outreach or drawing cartoon characters we can count on Luke to deliver what we need right on late.

PETER NOON

Board Member

Peter (aka PFN aka Dad) is an Alaskan transplant who lives, works and plays in the Gunnison Valley. Being one of the rare knuckle-draggers with a 401k, Peter has redefined the term "professional snowboarder." But seriously, his reliability, thoughtfulness and positivity are indispensable assets to R2D's board. Fun fact: Peter is a lifelong pescatarian (not to be confused with Presbyterian).



Mason & Michael Spellings



Roy Tuscany





Shelby Estocado. Photo by Jordan Drew



Aike Hansen

Free// We fundraise so that none of our athletes pay for their DIRT experiences.



Dylan Hagan & Mason Spellings

Our Community Supporters//





Chris Sparrow and Callie Fagg



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