GETTING KIDS IN THE GAME

We strongly believe that getting kids ‘in the game’ is the first step towards transformed lives.

Participation in team sports builds confidence and resilience and develops leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. For a child with a disability, the importance of accessing sports cannot be overstated.

In August 2022, we hosted Sportable’s first-ever youth wheelchair basketball camp.

This fall, we established our inaugural Junior Prep wheelchair basketball team, the Sportable Spokes.

Outfitted with custom sports wheelchairs donated by The Rotary Clubs of Brandermill and Hanover, the Spokes competed in tournaments in North Carolina and Raleigh this season.

Stephanie, mom to eight-year-old Luca says, “When Luca plays wheelchair basketball with his team—with his friends—he belongs. He fits in to a community that is just like him. He can be a part of something bigger than himself and not just cheer from the sidelines.”
In 2022, Mandy Marchiano packed up her life and moved from Richmond to Tucson, Arizona. Living more than 2,000 miles away from her family is something she didn’t think would ever be possible after an accident at age 13.

But Mandy discovered adaptive sports and joined the Sportable wheelchair rugby team. She grew stronger and regained the ability to be more independent. She earned a spot on the USA Wheelchair Rugby Development Team, and then, she was recruited to play at the University of Arizona.

The decision to become Sportable Booster Club members was personal for Dwayne and Nanette Kenney. Both Dwayne and their daughter, Kenslea, are Sportable athletes and have experienced the profound impact adaptive sports have had on their lives.

The Kenneys learned about Sportable’s monthly giving club at the 2022 RVA Adaptive Sports Festival and joined on the spot.

Monthly giving resonated with them because they want to help people have access to adaptive sports year-round.
You can help us make sports accessible and inclusive for kids like Luca:

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