

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Building a healthier community through the power of water



# **MOVING FORWARD IN 2021**

Just like many of you, our team at Teton Valley Aquatics spent 2021 finding a new normal. First, we focused on bringing the right talent to TVA, adding Stacy Stamm as our new Executive Director and bringing Raneta Kinney on to our board to support our development and fundraising efforts.

Next, we adapted to reduced access to local pools by partnering with the City of Driggs to create a summer pool program in our own above ground portable pool. This program allowed us to offer swim lessons to over 200 children in 2021 and will allow us to continue to independently offer swim lessons and aquatic activities to Teton Valley for years to come.

Finally, we set our sights on continuing progress toward a year-round aquatic facility for our community. We supported the City of Driggs staff in finalizing the land donation for the future facility and brought some of our community together to celebrate that milestone. We then worked hard to create a detailed project plan, giving us a more thorough understanding of where we are and what's needed to complete the aquatic facility.

We are excited to share the progress we made in 2021 with you!

# THE TEAM

Our team is focused on our mission of building a healthier Teton Valley through the power of water and providing year-round access to water for our community! We've brought together individuals with a variety of experiences, backgrounds, and skills to move forward with making this dream a reality.



**Executive Director** 

I'm excited to continue working on providing accessible aquatics programming to Teton Valley through our summer pool program this year! I am also laser focused on preparing TVA for the next steps in the project so we can continue moving towards our final goal of a year-round aquatics facility in Teton Valley.



BARB BELLER 2021 Board Chair

I am proud of the progress made by TVA in 2021. We met an aspect of our mission by offering water safety swim lessons for the children of Teton Valley and exercise for adults. We will build on the success of this first year and expand the program in 2022! The permanent aquatic facility project is also moving ahead to provide for the community. Thank you for being a part of our success.

## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our 2021 board of directors worked hard to bring us closer to our goal of a yearround aquatic facility in Teton Valley! They volunteered their time and expertise to make sure that we are completing our mission.

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### 2021 ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our Advisory Council acts as our connection to the Teton Valley community. Our 2021 members were our voice in the community, offering their time and skills to support us in completing our mission of providing a year-round aquatic facility to Teton Valley. We are grateful for their guidance!

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#### **INCREASING PROGRESS IN 2021**

Teton Valley Aquatics believes in a community with access and opportunity to live their fullest, healthiest lives. We are working hard to provide this through a community aquatics facility in Teton Valley as well as supporting smaller programs until then. Your support has continued to help us move forward with the aquatic facility project and develop new, innovative ways to support our community right now.

#### 2021 SUMMER POOL PROGRAM RECAP

In the summer of 2021, TVA embarked on an ambitious summer pool program, purchasing and operating our own above ground pool in order to reliably offer swim lessons to Teton Valley each summer until the full aquatic facility is completed. This inaugural program could not have happened without the countless volunteer hours and support offered by our community to install, maintain, and manage the pool.



#### SWIMMERS IN LESSONS

TVA's summer lesson program offered lessons to 213 swimmers, including 197 children.

#### Beginner Lessons

Water Safety Swimming Lessons were provided for non-swimmers, Level 1, and Level 2 swimmers to teach Teton Valley children the skills to stay safe in water.

#### Parent & Me Lessons

Under 4-year-olds took Parent & Me lessons with a guardian to get them comfortable in water and ready for independent lessons when they're older.



#### **NEEDING ASSISTANCE**

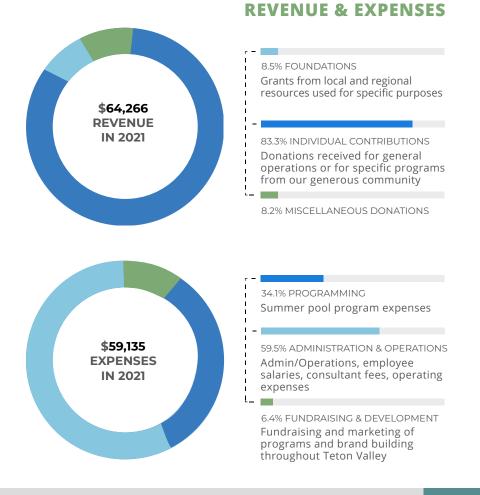
A grant from the Community Foundation of Teton Valley allowed all summer 2021 lessons to have no set fees associated. This allowed TVA to support families in our community who could not otherwise afford swim lessons.

#### Adult Activities

119 Adults signed up for water aerobics, water walking, and tethered swimming

#### Volunteer Supported

Over 30 volunteers assisted with set up, take down, and running of the pool. We could not have done it without their support!



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# PARTNERING

# TETON GEOTHERMAL LLC

THE PROJECT



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Teton Valley Aquatics is working with the City of Driggs and Teton Geothermal, LLC towards our final goal of a year-round aquatics facility in Teton Valley. Through these partnerships, we are striving for an aquatics facility that meets the needs of Teton Valley residents and visitors via a financially sustainable design and programming that can adapt to the needs of our community.

Each partner is working on their part to meet this goal with Teton Valley Aquatics focused on gaining community support for the project and getting ready to manage a capital campaign for construction funding.

# TETON GEOTHERMAL, LLC

#### **Geothermal Well** Management

- Geothermal drilling
- Funding the initial well drilling
- Construction of the geothermal systems

# TETON VALLEY AQUATICS

#### Philanthropic arm of the aquatics facility project

- Capital campaign for construction
- Endowment management for operations/ maintenance
- Fundraising for programming scholarships

#### **CITY OF DRIGGS**

#### Primary contracting for the facility

- Facility Operation

#### Our community Working with key lacks access to partners and year-round water for consultants, in 2019 safety, wellness and we completed a health. An aquatic feasibility study facility was identified to inform the as a missing planning, design, opportunity to serve and construction of as a community an aquatic facility in Teton Valley. This anchor, with diverse

COMMUNITY SURVEY

program offerings

for all members of

meet the needs of the community.

Teton Valley.

FEASIBILITY

study identified

facility. Read the

the scope and next

study on our website.

#### SITE SELECTION

In 2021, 5+ acres were donated to the City of Driggs for the future aquatics facility. The site is located just north of the 5th Street Skate Park and was chosen in conjunction with the City of Driggs as the optimal location for the aquatic steps for an aquatics facility.

#### GEOTHERMAL DRILLING Working with the INL. Teton Geothermal, LLC, identified

the possibility of drilling to develop a low temperature pressurized geothermal water well on the selected site. They are currently in the permitting process through the State of Idaho for drilling the well.

#### FACILITY DESIGN CONSTRUCTION TVA and the Citv The team at TVA This phase consists While the aquatic of Driggs will will lead a capital of brick and mortar facility is being jointly fund the designed, the team campaign to raise construction! This money from various development of phase will begin at TVA will work to a facility design resources including once the design develop a diverse incorporating is completed and programming and private donors, geothermal resource grants and public construction costs educational plan that information and sources to fund are fully funded. meets the needs of refining the facility's construction of the our community. business plan to facility.

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# PROGRAMS

Our goal is to offer diverse programming that encourages and supports water safety in Teton Valley.

#### SUMMER POOL PROGRAM

Consisting of beginner swim lessons and adult aquatics activities, the summer pool program runs Monday through Thursday all summer long. The Summer 2022 Pool Program begins June 20th in Driggs City Park!

# WATER SAFETY MONTH

May is National Water Safety month. We are partnering with the Valley of the Tetons Library to bring Josh-the-Otter educational sessions to our community.

On May 14th we held a Water Safety Fair in the Driggs City Plaza. Our website has more information on these events!

# LIFE JACKET

Our life jacket loaner stations provide free PFDs for people of all ages. This spring, we added a South Bates station. Now river users can pick up and drop off PFDs at any of the most popular river accesses: South Bates, Buxton River Park, Rainey/Big Eddy and Cache Bridge/Packsaddle!

# **TIN CUP CHALLENGE 2022**

The Community Foundation of Teton Valley's annual Tin Cup giving period is just around the corner and this year TVA needs your support to help us provide aquatics access to our community and continue moving the aquatic facility project forward!







**69%** of TVA's 2021 revenue came from generous Tin Cup Donors and the match provided by the Community Foundation of Teton Valley Challengers.

# \$44,000

#### 2021 TIN CUP CONTRIBUTIONS

These funds were used to support our operating costs for employee salaries, general administration, and our 2021 summer pool program. Without the funding TVA receives from the Tin Cup Challenge we would not have the means to offer water safety programming and continue towards a year-round aquatic facility.

# \$42,000

#### GOAL FOR TIN CUP IN 2022

Our goal for Tin Cup this year is to raise funds to support our general operating costs to continue to provide much needed aquatics access and progress towards a final year-round aquatic facility.

# TURNING ARIPPLE INTO A WAVE

2021 was an eventful year for everyone and we are so grateful for the individuals, foundations, and businesses who made generous donations between January 1 and December 31, 2021 to support Teton Valley Aquatics.

#### 234 donors generously supported us in 2021 which was an 88% increase in the number of donors from 2020!

All this amazing support makes our mission possible.

Help us ride this wave into 2023!

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Ms. Stratman and Mr. Hansen





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