SkateABLE™ Adaptive Ice Skating Programs: Ice Skating for Physically and Developmentally Disabled Individuals

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Organization type:
nonprofit/ngo/citizen sector
Project Stage:
Growth
Budget:
$10,000 - $50,000
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Disability
Early childhood development
Recreation
Youth development

Elevator Pitch

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

Adaptive ice skating equipment makes it possible for children with physical disabilities to take part in high quality adaptive ice skating programs.

We aim to increase our current inventory of adaptive skates, walkers, and harnesses so that many more disabled children can learn how to skate.

WHAT IF - Inspiration: Write one sentence that describes a way that your project dares to ask, "WHAT IF?"

What if children with physical disabilities could learn how to ice skate?

About Project

Problem: What problem is this project trying to address?

Children who are physically disabled do not have the opportunity to participate in ice skating classes due to the lack of availability, and high cost, of adaptive ice skating equipment.

Solution: What is the proposed solution? Please be specific!

SkateABLE™ provides adaptive skating equipment such as skates, walkers and harnesses making it possible for children with any type of physical disability to take part in “stand-up” skating classes. Even children who cannot bear weight on their legs can participate. Many of our skaters return to our program year after year. As our skaters grow, so too must our equipment inventory. We aim to increase the number and
variety of equipment in our inventory so that our current skaters can continue to progress, and so that new skaters can also join. Funding support will allow us to purchase additional walkers, harnesses, and skates in various sizes so that more children can learn to skate this winter.

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