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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps individuals with disabilities

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Park City, Utah – The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$3,000 grant to the National Ability Center. The grant will help support its therapeutic equestrian components of the summer Discovery Camps, Camp Giddy Up and the hippotherapy program.

The National Ability Center's equestrian program is celebrating 20 years of providing adaptive horseback riding lessons to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. Each year, this program offers more than 3,500 lessons to children, teens and adults who benefit from the natural movement a horse's body provides.

"The National Ability Center has been a significant contributor to the community through its adaptive recreational programs," said Lori Hansen, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "We're happy to continue our support of an organization that positively affects so many lives."

"We're thankful to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for the help they are giving to our equestrian program participants with this grant," said Dale Schoon, Chief Executive Officer of the National Ability Center. "The positive changes we see in people's lives when they participate in a program like this are beneficial to the participants, their families and the entire community."

The National Ability Center will use the money received from this grant to fund both adaptive and therapeutic horseback riding lessons. These lessons give individuals with disabilities the physical and cognitive progress they might not find in clinical settings. While the individual sees the most immediate benefits from the horseback riding experience, the community benefits as well. A recent Harris Interactive study showed that individuals with disabilities who participate in recreational activities are twice as likely as their peers to have jobs and thereby sustain their families.

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About the National Ability Center

Since 1985, the National Ability Center in Park City, Utah, has been committed to the development of lifetime skills for people of all ages and abilities by providing affordable outdoor sports and recreational experiences in a nurturing environment. For more information about the National Ability Center visit www.DiscoverNAC.org.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation.