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COURAGE KENNY REHABILITATION INSTITUTE

2020 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence Brad Blanshan, Adaptive Sports & Recreation

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute is pleased to honor Brad Blanshan as the recipient of the 2020 Susan Hodder Volunteer of Excellence Award.

Brad has been a dedicated volunteer with both the alpine ski and snowboard program and the waterski program since the early 1990's. He is also one of the program's longest continual trainers, guiding and assisting with volunteer training. Over the years, this role has become a huge time commitment, adding 3 full weekends each fall to his already full volunteer schedule. Brad is a respected and well-liked mentor and partner for his fellow volunteers.



Brad is pictured on the left

"I have seen program participants and other volunteers alike gain confidence, skills, and independence because of his role as instructor. Brad has a way of making people feel comfortable, safe and respected. He has a knack for knowing just how and when to joke or tease, which helps clients relax when they may be anxious about trying a new activity such as being pulled on the water behind a boat or going down a snowy hill. Any lesson with Brad in charge is bound to be safe, productive and fun."

This legacy award was created in honor of Susan Hodder, a long-time volunteer who demonstrated exceptional service, compassion, teamwork, and leadership during her time with Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute.