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The *Natural*

Turnstone athlete Caytlin Lucas discovers her love and talent for sports. [Page 2](#)



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SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE:

CAYTLIN LUCAS

What a difference a day can make. One day, one experience, can shape all the days that follow. That's what happened to Caytlin Lucas. She and her parents visited Turnstone at the annual disAbilities Expo at the Memorial Coliseum in 2015. That's where Caytlin discovered her natural ability for basketball. A brief introduction to the sport sparked Caytlin's interest and since that day she's joined Turnstone's wheelchair basketball program, as well as our track and field team. Caytlin's commitment and aptitude for sports have grown steadily. Last year, she competed in the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals in Middleton, Wisconsin.

"Training for Junior Nationals was a lot of work, but it was also fun," said Caytlin, "The competition keeps me coming back. I started training for 2018 right after the new year."

Turnstone is proud to host the 2018 Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Athletes like Caytlin train hard to qualify for the prestigious event. Caytlin's commitment is strong and she has already begun track and field practices in addition to her basketball and school schedules. Caytlin competed in the 60-meter dash, 100-meter dash, discus, and shotput last year and continues to improve in those events.

Why are competitive athletics so important for the kids of our community? We think Caytlin says it best: "Before Turnstone, I didn't really feel like I fit in. At school, I was the only one my age in a wheelchair. Sports make me feel better about myself." 🌟

Caytlin and all our athletes are grateful for the support that makes Turnstone an internationally-recognized facility. We invite the entire community to attend Junior Nationals from July 21 – 28 this year. Help us cheer on Turnstone's team as they compete against top athletes from all over the world! For sponsorship opportunities, or to inquire about volunteering, please contact **Kenna Davis** at (260) 483-2100 or kenna@turnstone.org.





A LETTER FROM MICHAEL MUSHETT

LOOKING AHEAD TO AN EXCITING 2018

Another year has come and gone and we are looking into the next 12 months with great anticipation—2018 holds incredible possibilities! This year we are excited to celebrate Turnstone's 75th year of serving people with disabilities. Not only that, but we also mark yet another year your support has helped our clients and families reach milestones and achievements they never thought possible.

Featured in this edition of *Empower* is the story of Caytlin. After discovering wheelchair basketball through a Turnstone introduction, Caytlin's athletic ability has soared. Not only is she a member of the nationally ranked Turnstone Flyers prep wheelchair basketball team, but she has also joined our track and field program. Caytlin's hard work earned her a spot at last year's Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals competition in Wisconsin and she's planning to compete again in the 2018 Junior Nationals competition hosted at Turnstone. Caytlin will tell you these sports help her fit in, and we can tell you her athletic ability makes her stand out.

2018 will also include a number of other Turnstone-hosted national adaptive sport tournaments. The spring/summer lineup includes the second annual Turnstone Endeavor Games, 2018 US Goalball National Championship tournament and 2018 Power Soccer National Championship tournament. These national sporting events will feature the top adaptive sports athletes in our country and are a clear depiction of what is possible for people with disabilities when they are given the opportunity to excel.

The mission of Turnstone continues to be focused on empowering people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential and we will continue to do so by providing the most comprehensive services and programs available under one roof in the country. 75 years of service is a legacy we are proud to continue and we are humbled to continue partnering with the Turnstone family and supporters like you to make it all happen.

Sincerely,

Michael Mushett, CEO





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2018 SAVE THE DATES

CASINO NIGHT: March 10, 2018

Roll the dice and play your cards at this community favorite that features Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Bingo, silent auction, raffle baskets, food, drinks and fun!

CORVETTE RAFFLE: Spring 2018–October 2018

Buy a ticket to be the lucky winner and create possibilities for people with disabilities!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' GALA: June 14, 2018

Bring out the sparkle and the suits for Turnstone's signature fundraising event featuring dinner, a unique live and silent auction, and a special mission moment shared by a Turnstone client.

GOLF OUTING: August 11, 2018

In partnership with the JERK league, all proceeds from this casual and fun 18-hole golf scramble benefit Turnstone.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

2018

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

MIDWEST CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 24 & 25

POWER SOCCER

TOURNAMENT
MARCH 3 & 4

ENDEAVOR GAMES SERIES

APRIL 20–22

DANCE

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS
MARCH 23, MAY 11, & JUNE 15

2018 USABA GOALBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 21–23

ADAPTIVE SPORTS USA JUNIOR NATIONALS

JULY 21–28

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OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPORTS TOURNAMENTS.

MARCH MADNESS

Calling all Turnstone fans! We're thrilled to announce that we've been selected to participate in a competitive fundraising tournament called Brackets For Good! Tournament play gets underway the evening of Friday, March 2 and a championship victory includes a \$10,000 donation from the tournament's title sponsor! Watch for more ways to get in the game and help us win Philanthropy's BIG Dance!





HATS OFF & THANKS TO ...



The Carpenter's Sons

Allen County Christmas Bureau, St. Vincent Catholic Church, Audrey and Brian Page, Turnstone staff, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, Brian Cowell, Raytheon volunteers, ResCare employees, Community Harvest Food Bank, NIPSCO, Dan Spangler, the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, and our many agency friends for helping to make the holidays bright for Turnstone clients and families.

Culver's restaurants on DuPont and Washington Center Road for hosting their Day of Caring event with a portion of the proceeds to support agency programs.

Shifter's Car Club for selecting Turnstone to receive a donation to support our programs.

The AWS Foundation for providing a \$10,000 match for gifts raised on #GivingTuesday

Heritage Parts for selecting Turnstone as one of their charities to support during their 30th anniversary.

Lincoln Financial for providing Lean Six Sigma training for Turnstone's leadership staff.

Tencia Lopez for making holiday piñatas for our clients and staff.

NuMotion for providing educational sessions with vendors and guest speakers for Turnstone's therapy staff.

Prentke Romich Company and **Forbes AAC** for bringing their communication devices and providing educational information for the speech therapy staff. Prentke Romich also provided an educational day for our speech pathologists that counted as a continuing education credit!

Local firefighter **Ray Easterly** for bringing his firetruck to Turnstone for our KELC children to explore.

Sherry Woodman for painting beautiful signs for our classrooms, as well as leading our annual candy cane hunt.

The Carpenter's Sons group for donating their time to build the deck on the back of the U.S. Women's Goalball house.

Vincent Quinones for helping with lifeguard certification classes.



Thank you to everyone who provided memorials and honorariums to Turnstone between September 29, 2017 and January 4, 2018. The following were recognized by our donors:

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Turnstone is proud to celebrate its 75th year of service to our community. Since 1943, Turnstone has been a pillar of support for people with disabilities, advocating on their behalf and empowering their independence. Thanks to generous support, compassionate staff, and a legacy of courageous innovation, Turnstone will continue to provide comprehensive services and programs helping individuals achieve their highest potential and aspiring to a world that accepts and values people based on their abilities.



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