MISSION STATEMENT

The Tony Hawk Foundation seeks to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on supporting and empowering youth. Through special events, grants, and technical assistance, the Foundation supports recreational programs focusing on the creation of public skateboard parks in low-income communities, and other causes in the U.S. and overseas. The Foundation favors programs that clearly demonstrate that funds received will produce tangible, ongoing, positive results.
When I launched the Tony Hawk Foundation in 2002, I never would have imagined that fifteen years later I would be visiting Burlington, Vermont to help local skaters celebrate their new public skatepark, or that it would also be the 500th skatepark opened with our foundation’s assistance.

But I did. And it was.

Fifteen years ago, this new organization began reaching out to communities of skateboarders and their supporters. We offered help, guidance, and funding to push their projects forward. And it worked. It worked because individuals like city councilmember Mike Donelon in Long Beach, California; dad Eric Mezger in York, Pennsylvania; and teenager Jamie Skinner in New Braunfels, Texas took it upon themselves to mobilize their communities and enlighten local leaders to the need for safe, quality skateparks—places where kids could meet, ride, and benefit from an active, creative lifestyle.

THF was just a catalyst in creating these and hundreds more skateparks, but what we learned from one group we passed on to the next. And in that way every project we’ve involved in becomes part of the chain that started with our first skatepark grant in 2002.

Every public skatepark across America began as the idea of one local advocate, and was made possible through their and many supporters’ hard work. THF celebrates and supplements these efforts, and the key to our success has been in maintaining our supporting role in these projects, and allowing them to remain local efforts. Nearly every skatepark was created by its users, and the success of these places grows from the pride these young people have in the work they’ve done, in what they’ve accomplished. Often as teenagers.

The Tony Hawk Foundation supports youth and fuels their dreams by supporting their efforts to create safe, sanctioned places to ride with their friends in major cities and rural towns across America. And we’ve extended that support abroad through our partnership with Skateistan, the remarkable educational program that harnesses the power of skateboarding to serve youth in some of the most challenged places on Earth, including Afghanistan, Cambodia, and South Africa.

If you told me in 2002 that I’d be in South Africa in 2016 to celebrate the opening of the new Skateistan school, I’d never have believed it. But here we are, and there it is—a shining red beacon of hope in the heart of Johannesburg. Built by dreams, and fueled by hope. And limited only by the imagination of the children it serves.

I should probably ask them where I’ll be in another fifteen years.

Tony Hawk
Skateboarding is a low-cost solution to this national health epidemic. It’s healthy, it’s athletic, and most importantly, it’s fun. If kids enjoy exercising, chances are they’ll do more. And if they exercise more, they’ll be in better health—with more energy, greater self-esteem, and even improved academic performance.  

In addition to the direct health benefits, research even suggests that skateboarding can help kids tune out of trouble. A 2006 study found that skateboarders are less likely to smoke cigarettes, have sex, and skip school.  

Based on the latest research, 5.4 million youth participate in skateboarding. That’s a more than 8% increase from 2013. Recognizing this trend, many high schools across the U.S. are responding to skateboarding’s popularity by incorporating skateboarding into their physical education programs, clubs, and after-school curricula. And this isn’t just a domestic phenomenon. Thanks to its worldwide popularity, skateboarding has been added as a new sport in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

There are approximately 3,000 skateparks nationwide, though based on current participation, another 9,000 are needed. Skateparks provide a safe, sanctioned place for skaters to recreate, and they bring these once marginalized athletes together, to share their skills and build a community of like-minded youth.

With 326 of the 576 skateparks Tony Hawk Foundation has awarded grants to since 2002 now open, children are currently making more than 5 million visits annually to these parks and enjoying creative exercise. City and recreation officials routinely report that their new skatepark is by far the most popular facility they operate.

When planned carefully, with the help of skatepark professionals and local skaters, a public skatepark does so much more than give the kids somewhere to play. It gives them somewhere to grow and develop healthy lifestyles. But as far as they’re concerned, it’s just a place to enjoy themselves.

4. “Physical Activity And Sedentary Behavior Patterns are Associated with Selected Adverse Health Risk Behaviors,” PEDIATRICS, Vol. 117 No. 4, April 2006
5. National Sporting Goods Association (nsga.org), 2013
The primary focus of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to help facilitate the development of free, high-quality public skateparks in low-income areas by providing information and guidance on the skatepark development process, and through financial grants. While not all skatepark projects meet our grant criteria, the Tony Hawk Foundation strives to help communities in other ways to achieve the best possible skateparks—parks that will satisfy the needs of local skaters, provide them a safe, enjoyable place to ride, and promote healthy, active lifestyles.

THF also supports international programs that enhance the lives of youth through skateboarding.

Below are some of the programs and services administered by the Tony Hawk Foundation.

**Advocacy Training And Support**
Tony Hawk Foundation staff fields an average of 400 emails and phone calls each month. In many cases these are the beginning of an ongoing dialog in support of that community’s unique skatepark vision. The following are some typical issues we address:

- Getting a skatepark project started
- Creating effective messaging
- Lobbying local government
- Project and volunteer management
- Liability insurance
- Building a community coalition
- Operating as a nonprofit organization
- Navigating the Capital Improvement process
- Fundraising
- Applying for a grant
- Choosing a skatepark designer and/or contractor

Staff can be contacted by email at contact@tonyhawkfoundation.org or by calling (760) 477-2479.

**Grants**
The Tony Hawk Foundation Board Of Directors reviews grant applications twice each year and issues grants based on merit and available funds. They give preference to grassroots projects in disadvantaged communities where children have limited recreational opportunities or access to existing skateparks. They also favor projects that demonstrate strong skater involvement. “Building skatepark communities” is at the heart of the Foundation’s evaluation principles.

Tony Hawk Foundation grants typically range from $5,000 to $25,000. In 2016, the THF Board Of Directors awarded fourteen grants, totaling $221,000. All applicants are provided a summary of their project evaluation; half of all unsuccessful baseline applicants return to apply again with an improved proposal.

More information about the Tony Hawk Foundation Grant Program is available online at www.tonyhawkfoundation.org.

**Public Skatepark Development Guide**
This collaboration between the Tony Hawk Foundation, the nonprofit Skate For Public Skateparks, and the International Association of Skateboard Companies (IASC) is the definitive guide for skatepark advocates and city or parks officials pursuing a new public skatepark. Written (and continually updated) by THF Programs Director Peter Whitley, the guide draws from the collective wisdom of dozens of veteran skatepark advocates. This robust online resource is full of in-depth information and illustrations that cover topics ranging from the skatepark vision, advocacy, fundraising, design, and management.

Previously available only in print form, the Public Skatepark Development Guide can be accessed online at www.publicskateparkguide.org.

**Carnegie, Pennsylvania**

**Skateistan**
The power of skateboarding and its ability to positively change lives is nowhere more evident than in the classrooms and skateparks at Skateistan, a network of schools serving vulnerable youth in some of the most challenging places on Earth—Afghanistan, Cambodia, and South Africa. The Tony Hawk Foundation is proud to partner with Skateistan to support its efforts to reach more children around the world and deliver to them the many benefits of education and skateboarding. Learn more about Skateistan’s incredible programs and success at www.skatelatin.org.
SUCCESS STORY
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Tony Hawk helps celebrate THF’s 500th skatepark.

Locals attending the naming ceremony for Burlington, Vermont’s Andy “A-Dog” Williams Skatepark were surprised to see a familiar face in the lineup around the 21,000-square-foot park’s bowl, as Tony Hawk made an unannounced appearance at the June event and helped inaugurate the newly named park by demonstrating its true potential.

Hawk arrived with fellow Birdhouse Skateboards pros Shawn Hale and Clint Walker, and South African phenom Thalente Biyela, who blended in with the park’s regulars and enjoyed the downtown-waterfront scenery, as well as the skatepark’s many unique features. With a flowing streetscape surrounding an amorphous flow bowl that descends to a 10-foot depth at one end, A-Dog Skatepark has become one of the Northeast’s premier skate destinations.

The park is the result of more than ten years of persistent grassroots advocacy. Spearheaded by Brendan Foster and Trina Zipe of Burlington’s Mavers Skate Shop, the strong community support for the project helped it qualify for funding from the Tony Hawk Foundation in 2010.

“We applied for a $10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, which was a catalyst in helping our project succeed,” said Foster. “First, it showed Burlington we had real money to bring to the table and were seriously dedicated to making this project happen. Second, we had Tony Hawk’s endorsement, a stamp of approval from the most recognized skateboarder in the world! The Tony Hawk grant shifted the project into a higher gear and we immediately gained momentum. It was a long process, but the THF grant was our first major breakthrough.”

A newly elected mayor and city council also took up the cause, and together the locals and their leadership chose a central location along the redeveloped Lake Champlain waterfront, and brought in top designers and builders from Grindline and Artisan Skateparks to develop the landmark facility.

Andy “A-Dog” Williams was a local skater, DJ, and artist who helped create the city’s previous temporary skatepark, and was integral to the effort to build the permanent park. When he passed from leukemia in 2013, his friends resolved to dedicate the new skatepark to him. Little did they know that the completion of A-Dog’s park also set a milestone for the Tony Hawk Foundation.

“It was an honor to be in Burlington for the A-Dog Skatepark naming ceremony and to skate with the locals,” said Tony Hawk. “We’re proud to have been involved with this project—it’s a great park that resulted from a strong grassroots effort from local advocates and a true commitment from the city. It also represents the 500th park to open with assistance from THF. Here’s to the next 500!”

“Having Tony Hawk and the members of Birdhouse crew at our grand opening was amazing, and I know Andy would have been blown away,” said Foster. “To see our childhood hero, a member of the Bones Brigade, at our skatepark in Vermont, was beyond words. It puts our skatepark, and the skate scene in New England, on the map. We’re now a skate destination, and our hope is for skateboarders from all over the country—maybe even the world—to come check out our dream come true.”
The Tony Hawk Foundation invites individuals, corporations, and other foundations to take advantage of a variety of ways to support its work. In addition to cash donations, individuals may make contributions through one or more of the following giving opportunities. As a public charity, contributions to the Tony Hawk Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

To make a donation to the Tony Hawk Foundation, visit www.tonyhawkgoundation.org/donate/

**Employer-Matching Contributions And Employee Giving Programs**
Through your workplace, you may be eligible to make a gift to the Tony Hawk Foundation and have your employer match that amount at the same time! Double your contribution and your impact, inquire about matching gifts at your workplace. Ask your Human Resources Manager if your company offers a Matching Gifts Program or an Employee Giving Program. Your inquiry will help to spread the word about the important work of the Tony Hawk Foundation and may lead to your company’s support as well.

**Combined Federal Campaign**
The Tony Hawk Foundation is included in the Combined Federal Campaign Charity List. Administered by the U.S. Office Of Personnel Management, the CFC allows all Federal civilian, postal, and military personnel to donate directly to THF. Visit www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/ for more information, and find the Tony Hawk Foundation under charity code 91761.

**Tributes And Memorials**
Make a meaningful gift to honor someone’s memory, recognize a friend’s accomplishment, or celebrate a relative’s birthday with a tribute or memorial donation to the Tony Hawk Foundation. Acknowledgement letters for tribute and memorial gifts are sent directly to the honoree or their family, and you receive a letter for tax purposes for your donation.

**In-Kind Donations**
The Tony Hawk Foundation welcomes in-kind donations of goods and pro-bono services that will contribute to our overall fundraising efforts and mission. The Websites held at our annual benefits and online are popular among our celebrity guests and donors, and we welcome your donation of unique items and experiences valued at $200 dollars or more.

**eBay Giving Works**
The Tony Hawk Foundation is registered with eBay Giving Works, a service that allows eBay Sellers to give proceeds from their sales to a favorite nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.givingworks.ebay.com.

**AmazonSmile**
The Tony Hawk Foundation is a registered charity with AmazonSmile. When you select THF as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price on all eligible items. Sign up today by visiting www.smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0063889.

**CrowdRise and Facebook Fundraisers**
You can start your own fundraiser for Tony Hawk Foundation on CrowdRise and on Facebook. Dedicate your birthday or other special event to raising funds for THF through your own campaign! To get started, visit www.crowdrise.com/tonyhawkfoundation or www.facebook.com/pg/tonyhawkfoundation/fundraisers/

**Dinner With Tony And Family**
Join us at one of our annual fundraising benefits in New York, or Los Angeles! These exclusive, intimate dinner events are a great way to support THF and meet Tony, other top pro-athletes, celebrities, and the foundation staff. You’ll also hear the latest about THF’s work and how the foundation is turning your support into community action. Capacity is strictly limited, and these events sell out quickly once announced.

For details about these limited-capacity events, Tony Hawk Foundation Sponsorship opportunities, making a donation to the Tony Hawk Foundation, or other ways you can support the foundation’s work, contact Lily Schwimmer: 760) 477-2479 or lily@tonyhawkfoundation.org

**Donations should be made payable to Tony Hawk Foundation and sent to the following address:**

Tony Hawk Foundation
161 1-4 S. Melrose Dr. #360
Vista, CA 92081

Your tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged by mail. For more information, visit our Web site at www.tonyhawkg foundation.org
As public skateparks grow in popularity, so does the need for funding. In 2016, the Tony Hawk Foundation awarded 14 grants to skatepark projects in 13 States, totaling $221,000.

To-date (2002–2016), THF has awarded over $5.6 million to 576 skatepark projects in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia. THF staff have also provided Advocacy Training and advisory services to more than 2,000 skatepark projects in over 50 countries.

2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

$76,000
Wilmington, North Carolina

$25,000
Livingston, Montana

$15,000
Bristow, Oklahoma
Poulsbo, Washington

$10,000
Houghton, Michigan
Gallup, New Mexico
Tillamook, Oregon
New Richmond, Wisconsin

$5,000
Macon, Georgia
Grinnell, Iowa
Ely, Minnesota
Belgrade, Montana
Lincoln, New Hampshire
$1 Million+
Anonymous

$200,000—999,999
John and Laura Arnold

$50,000—99,999
California Endowment
Gumball 3000
MINI USA

$25,000—49,999
Skate One Corp.
Celebrity Family feud
Innovation First
Ian Schaefer
Ken & Carol Schultz Foundation
The Stanley E. Hanson Foundation
Vivian Solar
Michael Koester
Ron Huddleston
James Park
David Urevitch
Barker George Family Giving Fund
Esports Productions, LLC
Goldman, Sachs, & Co.
Joshua Easterly
Tyler Mitchell
Dynamart BSC, Inc.
Geoff Olman
Nixon Watches
Alan and Charlotte Waxman
Allan and Karen Levine
Stacey and Allen Gibson
Connolly Family Fund
Dennis Phillips & Cara Cutter
Elizabeth English
Sara and Evan Williams
Hawk 900 Brands, LLC
Joshua Kulkus
Kyle McCarthy
Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund
Meena Flynn
Ninja, LLC
Tom Conrad
Tony Conrad
Zumiez

$10,000—24,999
Mitchell Cappello
Gerard Cappello
WeFay/Crowdrise
Brent Eyestone

Nate Bashard
Orly Sharma
Quincy Smith
Ravi and Mona Sinha Family Fund
Suzanne Kant
Taylor Nagle
Tina & Bill Borden
Todd Hamblet
Vanessa Getty
Philip Black
Jared E Levine and Lucy Anne Stutz
Alex Turner
Anthony Bucci
Anthony Diluzio
Brent Johnson
Brian Skinner
Christine Connors
Christine Leong
Dan Ryan
Gary Arnold
James Maller
Jason Ellis
Jeffrey Farber
Margaret Whitton
Josh Dempsey
Lynne Bunn
Patrick McMullan
Peter Carroll
Peter Englander
Pfeiffer Family Foundation
Ross Jagger
Steve Hawk
Sue Spinos
Todd Holland

Wells Fargo Private Bank
Beatriz Lazzard
Tony Hawk
Christopher James
Combined Federal Campaign
Network For Good/Crowdrise
Damien Devine
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Jan Maroshi
Scott Lumpkin
Troy Fillykin
Adam Clammer
Leviitee, Inc.
Robert Bowman
Sean Livingston

$1,000—2,999
Patrick Kinsky
Sandra Young
Mastemind
Charity Buzz
Gyan Banister
David and Jeannine Samuel Family Fund
Elliott Feliden
Gregg Lynn
Jai Al-Atas
Marc Benioff
Mark McDure

Tributes And Memorial Gifts

Brad Bienschenk
(In Memory of Adam Bienschenk)
Monica Powars
(In Memory of Michael Campbell)
Phyllis Barbera
(Tribute to Andrew Mingo)
Alesta Beckman
(Tribute to Waylon Caldwell)
Carol Volenzuela
(Tribute to Waylon Caldwell)
A world-class skatepark for this Idaho city.

The Rhodes Skatepark was originally designed in 1992 by Ada County commissioner, Glenn Rhodes, a good decade before most U.S. cities considered a skatepark of their own. But after nearly a quarter of a century serving Boise youth, the facility was showing signs of fatigue.

In 2009, the Boise Skateboard Association (BSA) was formed to ensure that the Rhodes Skatepark would not slip into further disrepair. For the next two years, BSA raised funds with “bike-sale”-style events. While these fundraising efforts helped the group to eventually hire a professional skatepark designer, the real benefit was in the increased community awareness.

Armed with a design that would modernize the skatepark instead of just repair it, the BSA could now share their bold vision. The visionary concept attracted even more public support and led to the BSA earning a $10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation in 2013.

“When we started the process of renovating our skatepark, it felt like an insurmountable task,” said Paul Schenkel, Recreation Manager at Boise’s Parks and Recreation Department. “The early support we received from the foundation added legitimacy to our project and was a catalyst for generating community-wide attention.”

The THF award helped validate the project, but there was still more money to be raised. The BSA, invigorated by the larger audience, continued their fundraising efforts and eventually attracted a $1.25 million donation from the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The Rhodes Skatepark is notable in lots of ways. It is covered and lighted for evening use, and its central location allows youth from all parts of the city to come together. Simple amenities like shelter and lights help support the community that coalesces around every skatepark, and these skatepark communities benefit many of the youth that frequent the facility.

The scale of the skatepark is notable, too. Drawing visitors from across the region means deeper benefits to a greater number of people. With only a handful of covered skateparks in the nation, Rhodes stands out particularly because it is in an area with dramatic seasonal weather; as a rule, the winters in Idaho are not conducive to skateboarding, but at Rhodes the skateboarding happens year-round.

“Learning can occur everywhere and anywhere,” said Roger Guiales, Executive Director of the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation. “If you ever look at grit and persistence and turning challenges into opportunities, you’ll see that the skateboarding community lives it every day.”

Rhodes Skatepark
1555 W Front St, Boise, Idaho 83702
Completed 2016
32,750 square feet
Jim Thiebaud
Jim Thiebaud is a skateboarder—always has been, always will be. He spent several years as a pro, touring the world and skateboarding everything he could, before co-founding and helping build San Francisco’s Deluxe Distribution, purveyors of some of skateboarding’s top brands. As the company’s CEO, Jim splits his time between work, his family in the East Bay, or doing what he’s always done...skateboarding. As a driving force behind several goodwill and charitable causes, most notably The Bold Project and Action REALized, Jim brings decades of experience and dedication to skateboarding to his role on the THF Board of Directors.

Jamie Thomas
Jamie Thomas is a skateboarding icon and industry leader. He has been a professional skateboarder for over 20 years and is the president and founder of Zero Skateboards. Jamie has been recognized in the business community for his entrepreneurial success, and his experience and broad perspective helps bridge the gap between skateboarding and the boardroom.

David Ulanovitch
David is the founder and CEO of OpenDNS. In 2005, he launched OpenDNS with the goal of delivering a safer and faster Internet experience. Today the service protects a global audience of more than 50 million people, including those at many of the largest companies in the world. A noted and often-cited Internet and security expert, David has a degree in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis, which turned out to be much more useful than he expected. He grew up in the sunny beach community of Del Mar, California, which didn’t make him nearly as good of a surfer or skater as it should have.

Sara Morishige Williams
Sara Morishige Williams resides in San Francisco and is President of the Sara and Evan Williams Foundation, which began in 2011. Sara is involved in the full range of the foundation’s work, which has an emphasis on design literacy and thinking. She’s exploring the nexus of design thinking, public institutions, and our physical environment in relation to mental health and social justice.

Peter Whitley, Programs Director
In his role as Programs Director, Peter is responsible for designing and implementing all skateboard programs at THF. With nearly two decades of work promoting skatepark development, most notably as Co-Founder and former Director of Skaters For Public Skateparks, Peter brings tremendous experience and perspective to THF. In 2005, he led the formation of Tocoma, Washington through the process of developing a system of public skateparks, converting blighted urban parks into pedestrian-friendly skate areas. The Tocoma experience has become a model that continues to inspire community leaders across the U.S.

Peter studied at Evergreen State College in Washington, and completed his coursework in Design at the School Of Visual Concepts in Seattle.

Lily Schwimmer, Strategic Partnerships
As THF's Strategic Partnerships officer, Lily Schwimmer develops special projects with key donors and supporters, and oversees all event-based fundraising for THF, including the annual Stand Up For Skateparks benefit.

Lily was THF's first intern in 2008. After completing her studies, she worked as AEG Live in Las Vegas, where her primary venues were The Joint inside The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Lily was responsible for assisting with the booking of these venues for AEG Live, and for over five years helped manage operations at The Cosmopolitan and Farmers Insurance Open PGA Golf Tournament.

Lily completed her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Oregon and her MBA in Sports Management from San Diego State University.

Steven Perlman, Corporate Partnerships
With over 20 years of experience in action sports and music, Steven has enjoyed the opportunity to work with the best in the industry. He's traveled the world with ASI Entertainment, producing the Mobile Skatepark Series for CBS, and managed corporate hospitality for ESPN's X Games. And for the past eight years has managed Corporate Partnerships, events, endorsements, and licensing for both Tony Hawk and the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Lori Booth, Grants Manager
With over two decades of experience seeking and securing grant funding from private, corporate, and government sources, Lori is applying her talent to growing the foundation’s grant funding. She has worked with non-profit organizations involved in economic and community development, health and wellness, sustainable agriculture, youth development, crime prevention and awareness, recreational sports, animal protection, and the environment.

Staff

Mikl Vuckovich, Executive Director
As Executive Director, Mikl is responsible for the overall operations of the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Mikl Vuckovich was a founding member of the THF Board Of Directors in 2006 and 2007. In March 2004 he took over for outgoing Executive Director Steve Hawk, who remains a permanent member of the Board Of Directors. Formerly a producer for the ON Video series of skateboarding documentary films, editor of Transworld SKATEboarding Business magazine, and senior editor for Transworld SKATEboarding magazine, Mikl's 30+ years in skateboarding includes visits to many of the famed California skateparks of the late '70s, and skateboarding communities the world over.

Mikl graduated from the University Of CA San Diego with a B.A. in Writing.
Secret Sessions And A San Francisco Surprise

Donors and sponsors of the Tony Hawk Foundation were treated to three special events in 2016. Whether on the East Coast or West, THF's core supporters had the opportunity to enjoy some quiet time with Tony, top skaters, celebrity guests, and THF staff at intimate gatherings in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York/New Jersey.

Spring saw Tony's vert ramp assembled in a San Francisco parking lot near THF supporters Stephanie and Tyler Mitchell's loft. After Tony Tweeted the ramp location, the semi-public vert demo (which also included Steve Caballero, Elliot Sloan, Kevin Staab, Amelia Brodka, Evan Doherty, Alec Beck, and Lincoln Ueda) went off with a mash-up soundtrack, courtesy of DJ Z-Trip, after which the Mitchells hosted a lavish private dinner.

Fall followed up with the East Coast Secret Session, which included a mixer and skatepark session at Brooklyn's House Of Vans, featuring Tony Hawk, Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Sebo Walker, Trey Wood, Riley Hawk, and Charlie Blair. From there the party moved to Stacey and Allen Gibson's home in rural New Jersey, where in addition to a spectacular lunch, an assortment of vertical delicacies were served up by Tony, Lizzie Armanto, Mike McGill, Amelia Brodka, Brad McClain, Allen Gibson, and Elliot Sloan in Allen's private indoor bowl.

And before year's end, West Coast guests mingled with Tony, Shaun White, David Spade, Rodney Mullen, Jason Ellis, Fred Durst, Mark Mothersbaugh, and Perry and Ety Farrell at Beverly Hills' historic Green Acres Estate, the home of Ron Burkle. Everyone enjoyed an incredible multi-course meal prepared by celebrity chef Steve Samson, with pairings provided by winemaker Jesse Katz, before retiring to the parlor for an acoustic set by James Mercer and Jon Sortland of The Shins.

Tony, the Board Of Directors, and the entire THF staff would like to thank all of our supporters, whose generosity makes possible the work we do every day in communities across the U.S. and with organizations internationally. Whether by attending one of these special events or joining our Skatepark Champions recurring-donor program, you make our work possible. Thank you!

For more information about the Tony Hawk Foundation Skatepark Champions program, visit www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/donate.

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Cover: Joining the locals during a surprise visit, Tony traveled to Burlington, Vermont to help celebrate the grand opening of the Tony Hawk Foundation’s 500th skatepark. Inset: Tony with youth at the Andy “A-Dog” Williams Skatepark in Burlington, Vermont. (Photos by Jody Morris) Back: Skateparks foster connections between skaters, which often result in friendships and a sense of belonging to a larger community. (Photo by Miki Vuckovich)

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