

Challenge Mountain Ski Boots

In the fall of 2010, Challenge Mountain applied to the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee for funding to purchase new adaptive ski boots. With over 2,600 visits last year, Challenge Mountain is the largest adaptive snow sports program in the Midwest, serving individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

Donor Advised Funds held at the Community Foundation are offered the opportunity to participate in the competitive grant cycles, and many do. The Baiardi Family Foundation Fund chose to fully fund the Challenge Mountain request of \$2,400 to purchase roughly 20 pairs of ski boots. Mike Hurchick, program director for Challenge Mountain, recently gave YAC members Halle Jarvi and Freddie Liederbach and Program Officer Sara Ward a tour of the facility. He shared that because of several discounts, they were actually able to purchase nearly double that number!



Halle Jarvi, Mike Hurchick of Challenge Mountain, and Freddie Liederbach check out ski boots purchased for the adaptive snow sports program.



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