

Talking Points

★ The AbleGamers Mission

Creating opportunities that enable play to combat social isolation, foster inclusive communities, and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

★ What the Mission Means

[AbleGamers](#) supports people with disabilities in your community and worldwide, including the estimated [46 million potential players in the U.S.](#), seeking to have their own enriching gaming experiences, the opportunity to form lifelong friendships, and participate in one of the most popular leisure activities in the world. Thanks to the support of our generous donors, we are working every day to make sure people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else for positive experiences through play. With two decades as pioneers in inclusive play, thousands of hours working with people with disabilities, and leading developers and engineers we create opportunities for players to find inclusive places to play and connect with family and friends.

★ Quick Facts:

- AbleGamers collaborated with Microsoft Xbox to create the Xbox Adaptive Controller. The inspiration for the controller came in part from the [Adroit Switchblade controller](#) created by AbleGamers with Evil Controllers.
- We were thrilled to announce our work with Sony PlayStation to bring the new PlayStation Access Controller to life. This was a significant milestone in our quest to ensure that everyone can enjoy the magic of gaming regardless of their physical abilities.
- AbleGamers provides peer support and equipment grants to people with disabilities in your community and **worldwide!**
- The mission of AbleGamers started over 20 years ago. 2024 marks AbleGamers 20 Year Anniversary.

★ How we deliver our mission:

- **Peer Counseling:** The Peer Counseling team is comprised of individuals with disabilities and occupational professionals working together to find the best solutions to enable play. Our Peer Counselors take the time to get to know each player to better understand their unique needs, identify accessibility hurdles, and provide resources and support to facilitate play and engagement in community spaces around gaming.
- **Powered by AbleGamers:** Partnerships with various organizations, including hospitals and rehabilitation centers to reach many more people and provide them with a nearby location to assist in setup to enter the world of gaming. Partner organizations are “Powered by AbleGamers” through initial and ongoing support and training for staff and donation of specialized controllers and other devices.

○ **Community and Inclusion:** Working closely with the “Powered by AbleGamers” network of hospitals and rehabilitation centers across the nation, providing:

Resources - Creating resources for players and caregivers that help players find their ideal games, game modes, and settings ensures that our player community has the best possible experiences on their chosen platform, no matter their favorite game genre.

Events - We create and enable in-person and digital events to connect players and the community. Whether it's one of our community game nights in the digital AbleGamers Player Community Discord or an in-person event at a convention or partner facility, our team is hosting and sponsoring events that connect players with other players and gaming to the local community.

Community - AbleGamers Player Community is a digital community connecting players who have been helped via our Peer Counseling program. Our digital player community was created to facilitate game nights and friendships and provide a platform for players we've supported via our Peer Counseling program to discuss accessibility workarounds in their favorite games or tips on setting up assistive technology.

○ **Professional Development:** Using our organization's research and advocacy, we work alongside game developers to encourage inclusion and accessibility options that benefit players with a range of disabilities. This collaborative effort leads to the development of more accessible gaming experiences.

○ **User Research:** Devoted to bringing the insights and experiences of individuals with disabilities into the game development process, offering a more holistic and inclusive perspective. Here's how we make an impact:

Combat Social Isolation: Gaming possesses the unique power to connect people beyond physical boundaries, providing a channel for social interaction. Our User Research Pillar empowers game developers to create experiences that transcend these limitations, ensuring no one is left behind. By engaging gamers with disabilities, we pinpoint the hurdles they face and work tirelessly to overcome them, thus reducing the social isolation frequently experienced by this community.

Foster Inclusive Communities: Inclusivity is the bedrock of our mission. User Research aids us in shaping games and gaming communities that warmly embrace all individuals, regardless of their abilities. We glean priceless insights from gamers with disabilities, equipping developers to craft games and player experiences enjoyable for everyone. By cultivating inclusivity in gaming communities, we forge spaces where individuals can connect, share, and revel in their shared love for gaming.

Improve Quality of Life: Gaming transcends beyond entertainment—it can profoundly impact an individual's quality of life. Our User Research Division ensures that games are not merely accessible but also genuinely enjoyable for people with disabilities. By incorporating their feedback and insights, we elevate the overall gaming experience, contributing to a higher quality of life for gamers with disabilities.

Using our Play it Forward gift amounts is a great way to decide how much you want to raise for players with disabilities. For Example:

\$100 Helps provide essential equipment that makes gaming more accessible to players with disabilities.

\$200 Supports the AbleGamers Peer Counseling program that equips players with disabilities with life-changing tools and support.

\$500 Contributes to advancing research and advocacy for accessible gaming.

\$1,000 Supports adaptive gaming programs, accessible gaming nights, and inclusive partnered events.

\$2,500 Significantly impacts the mission to break down barriers and create an inclusive gaming landscape.

\$5,000 Sends a powerful message of acceptance, inspiring positive change in the gaming industry.

\$10,000 Donation represents a profound commitment to making the world a better place for players with disabilities. Your generosity leads the charge in fostering an inclusive and accessible future for gamers worldwide.

