



ADAPTIVE SPORTS CONNECTION



POWER OF ABILITY INITIATIVE

Improving the health and well-being for veterans, children, and adults with diverse abilities through the power of sports, education, and outdoor therapeutic recreation.



This is **Adaptive Sports Connection**

We witness magic happening when individuals engage in sports and outdoor activities. For kids on the slopes or veterans on the water, disabilities fade into the background as they embrace their inner strength and abilities. **Here, they're not defined by illness or injury but by their boundless potential.**

When children bike or kayak, they're just like any other kid—laughing, playing, and making cherished memories with their families. They learn that their abilities far outweigh any limitations, instilling in them the belief that they can conquer anything life throws their way.

For veterans, participating in sports isn't just about physical activity—it's about reclaiming their sense of self and reigniting the spark of hope within. On the slopes or on the water, they find solace, camaraderie, and a renewed sense of purpose, overcoming the shadows of depression and despair.

For adults facing mobility challenges, kayaking or mountain biking becomes a journey of empowerment and recovery. **Here, obstacles transform into opportunities, driving them to push beyond their limits and embrace newfound freedom and independence.**

Because at Adaptive Sports Connection, it's not just about the activities—it's about the profound impact we have on every aspect of life. **Here, there is healing, hope, and a sense of belonging that transcends physical barriers.**

Laughter and joy abound, echoing through the slopes, the water, the bike paths, and every space dedicated to wellness.

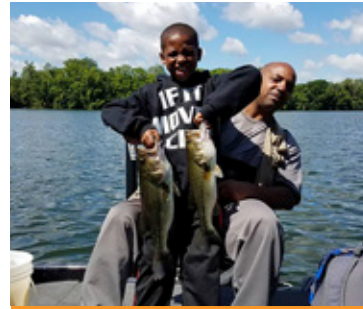
HERE life gets better. And with every adventure, we're reminded that the power of ability knows no bounds.



KAYAKING



WATER SKIING



FISHING



PADDLEBOARDING

Adaptive Recreation

IF I CAN DO THIS, I CAN DO ANYTHING

We draw from decades of experience working with people of all abilities, harnessing the power of specialized equipment, techniques, teaching methods and volunteer support to help people take on challenges beyond their wildest expectations.



SOCCER



GOLFING



SKIING



SNOWBOARDING



CYCLING



MOUNTAIN BIKING



BIKES TO GO



GET OUT ADVENTURES

About

Empowering the human spirit since 1992, Adaptive Sports Connection stands as a beacon of support and inclusion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we are committed to serving veterans, children, and adults with disabilities through the transformative power of sports, education, and outdoor recreation.

With unwavering dedication, we extend our reach to thousands of individuals with disabilities and their families each year, spanning across 44 counties in Ohio. Our goal is simple yet profound: to improve the health and well-being of those we serve.

Through adaptive sports and outdoor activities, we offer not just physical exercise, but also a sense of belonging, empowerment, and joy. We believe that everyone, regardless of ability, deserves the opportunity to thrive and live life to the fullest. Join us as we continue to uplift and empower individuals of all abilities on their journey to health and happiness.

Mission

To break through limitations with education and adaptive innovation, ensuring people of all abilities the health benefits, freedom, and sense of belonging from recreation and outdoor experiences.



Why

The numbers paint a stark reality: in Ohio alone, over 2 million adults and 2 million children grapple with disabilities. These individuals face a myriad of health challenges, from obesity to heart disease and diabetes. Mental health struggles, including depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress syndrome, plague them at rates five times higher than the general population.

Disability transcends age, race, and socioeconomic status, making it the largest minority in the United States. It's a minority that any of us can join at any moment, whether through an accident, illness, or the natural process of aging.

These statistics serve as a sobering reminder of the importance of supporting and advocating for individuals with disabilities. By fostering inclusivity, accessibility, and opportunities for empowerment, we can strive towards a more equitable society where everyone can thrive, regardless of ability.

Donor Opportunities

Adaptive Sports Connection is on a transformative journey with our comprehensive \$7.5 million Phase I Power of Ability Initiative. At the heart of this initiative is the construction of an Adventure and Wellness Lodge in Shawnee Hills, nestled along the serene Scioto River. This lodge will not only serve as a beacon of hope but also support the expansion of our vital programs, particularly those catering to our esteemed veterans.

We invite donors to join us in this noble endeavor, offering them the opportunity to make a lasting impact by giving a gift that will change lives. With your support, we can create a sanctuary where individuals with disabilities, including our beloved veterans, can discover joy, healing, and a renewed sense of purpose. Together, let's build a future where every individual, regardless of ability, can thrive and experience the power of ability.

Supporting Organizations

Adaptive Sports Connection works closely with multiple school systems, other nonprofit and community organizations, veteran service organizations, and hospitals and VA clinics such as the Columbus VA, Cleveland VA, OhioHealth, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, and Nationwide Children's Hospital

Through these collaborative efforts, Adaptive Sports Connection remains steadfast in our commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities, veterans, and their families to lead fulfilling and active lives. Together with our partners, we strive to create inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Dr. Pete Edwards, orthopedic surgeon and owner of the Columbus Crew

Nationwide, Huntington, Big Lots, AEP, Walter Family Foundation, Pete and Chris Edwards, The Columbus Foundation

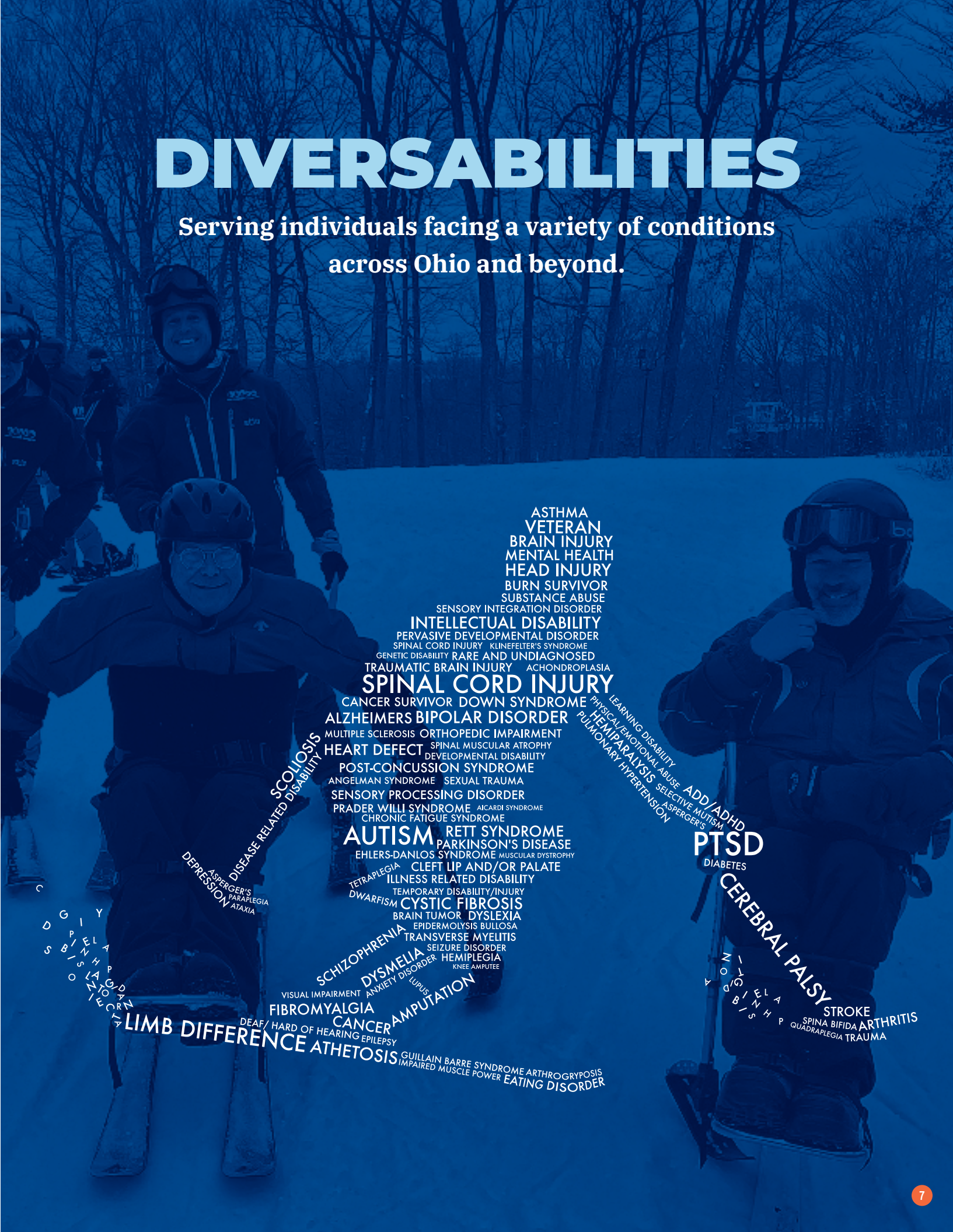
Campaign Chair and Leading Supporters

WELL Build Standard

The Adventure and Wellness Lodge will provide a flexible design framework that fosters social engagement and interactions while maintaining a strong emphasis on resilience, integrity, and inclusivity. The WELL Build design standards goes beyond aesthetics and functionality. It prioritizes the well-being of individuals and communities, creating spaces that support health and vitality.

DIVERSABILITIES

Serving individuals facing a variety of conditions across Ohio and beyond.



ASTHMA
VETERAN
BRAIN INJURY
MENTAL HEALTH
HEAD INJURY
BURN SURVIVOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
SENSORY INTEGRATION DISORDER
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER
SPINAL CORD INJURY KLINEFELTER'S SYNDROME
GENETIC DISABILITY RARE AND UNDIAGNOSED
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ACHONDROPLASIA
SPINAL CORD INJURY
CANCER SURVIVOR DOWN SYNDROME
ALZHEIMERS BIPOLAR DISORDER
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT
HEART DEFECT SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
POST-CONCUSSION SYNDROME
ANGELMAN SYNDROME SEXUAL TRAUMA
SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER
PRADER WILLI SYNDROME AICARDI SYNDROME
CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME
AUTISM RETT SYNDROME
PARKINSON'S DISEASE
EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE
ILLNESS RELATED DISABILITY
TEMPORARY DISABILITY/INJURY
DWARFISM **CYSTIC FIBROSIS**
BRAIN TUMOR DYSLEXIA
EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA
TRANSVERSE MYELITIS
SEIZURE DISORDER
HEMIPLEGIA
KNEE AMPUTEE
SCHIZOPHRENIA
DYSMELIA
LUPUS
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ANXIETY DISORDER
FIBROMYALGIA
DEAF / HARD OF HEARING EPILEPSY
LIMB DIFFERENCE AMPUTATION
ATHETOSIS
GUILLAIN BARRE SYNDROME ARTHROGRYPOSIS
IMPAIRED MUSCLE POWER EATING DISORDER
LEARNING DISABILITY
PHYSICAL/EMOTIONAL ABUSE
HEMIPARESIS
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
ADD/ADHD
SELECTIVE MUTISM
ASPERGER'S
PTSD
DIABETES
CEREBRAL PALSY
STROKE
SPINA BIFIDA ARTHRITIS
QUADRAPLEGIA TRAUMA

The Property

Located in Shawnee Hills, Ohio, along the Scioto River, this beautiful property provides an environment that fosters health, well-being, and social connectedness.

The current structure is way too small to meet our growing needs. It is inadequate and unsafe for service due to the fact the structure is deteriorating.



The Adventure and Wellness Lodge

Recognition Opportunity: \$1,250,000

Adaptive Sports Connection is proud to announce the development of a groundbreaking 6,000 square foot Adventure and Wellness Lodge, meticulously designed to serve as a hub for community engagement and connection. This innovative facility will cater to a myriad of needs, offering a versatile space for indoor adaptive programming, support groups, social and educational gatherings, and volunteer training.

Within the welcoming confines of our Adventure and Wellness Lodge, individuals of all abilities will find a sanctuary where they can come together, share experiences, and forge meaningful connections. Whether it's participating in adaptive sports activities, attending support groups, or engaging in educational workshops, our lodge will provide a nurturing environment where community bonds are strengthened and personal growth is nurtured.

With its thoughtfully curated design and multifunctional spaces, the Adventure and Wellness Lodge will serve as a beacon of hope and empowerment for individuals with disabilities, veterans, and their families. It will be a place where barriers are broken down, possibilities are limitless, and the spirit of inclusivity reigns supreme.

We invite you to join us on this transformative journey as we build a space where every individual feels valued, supported, and inspired to embrace their full potential. Together, let's create a brighter future filled with compassion, connection, and endless opportunities for growth.





The Adventure Activity Center

Recognition Opportunity: \$500,000

Welcome to the Adventure Activity Center—a vibrant hub where possibilities are boundless. Here, spinal cord injury groups come together to share experiences, delve into nutrition, and take a spin on adaptive cycles. Our veteran-focused partners convene to impart transition skills from military to corporate life and explore living with PTSD or traumatic brain injury.

But the adventure doesn't end there. Individuals of all abilities benefit from this indoor oasis, where gatherings, fitness classes, and movement sessions cater to diverse needs. From inclusive corporate events to volunteer training and community gatherings, this space offers endless opportunities for connection and growth.

Limitless Lobby

Recognition Opportunity: \$500,000

At Adaptive Sports Connection, our motto is simple yet powerful: "If I can do this, I can do anything." This mantra embodies our belief in the limitless potential of every individual. In our Limitless Lobby, we embrace this spirit of boundless possibility, adapting to uncover what's possible for each person. Here, barriers are shattered, and dreams take flight as we empower one another to reach new heights. Welcome to the Limitless Lobby, where the only limit is the sky.





Vestibule of Victories

Recognition Opportunity: \$100,000

Step into the Vestibule of Victories at the Adventure and Wellness Lodge, where triumphs await. Here, every moment—whether it's showing up, trying something new, or surpassing limitations—is celebrated. Join us as we open doors to new adventures and embrace the possibilities that lie beyond. Welcome to a place where victories abound, and every step forward is cause for celebration.

Freedom Fireplace

Recognition Opportunity: \$250,000

At Adaptive Sports Connection's Adventure and Wellness Lodge, we proudly introduce the Freedom Fireplace—a symbol of warmth and empowerment etched with a motivational message. Here, individuals, families, and friends gather to support each other, laugh, and learn. Around its flickering flames, stories are shared, bonds are forged, and hearts connect. Join us at the Freedom Fireplace, where moments become memories and the power of community shines bright.





Determination Outdoor Shelter

Recognition Opportunity: \$100,000

Our Determination Outdoor Shelter is attached to the Adventure and Wellness Lodge. This shelter embodies the unwavering spirit of our adaptive athletes, volunteers, and community. It's more than just a structure—it's a symbol of resilience, perseverance, and the power of coming together.

In this special outdoor area, social connections are forged, and gatherings take on new meaning.

Wellness Pavilion

Recognition Opportunity: \$100,000

At the end of a day filled with adventures on the water or in the woods, the outdoor Wellness Pavilion awaits—a haven for conversation, sharing, and quality time spent together. This special space is not just a shelter, but a hub for connection and relaxation.

Moreover, the gazebo serves as a versatile venue for adaptive yoga and fitness sessions, harnessing the health benefits of outdoor exercise. Surrounded by the beauty of nature, participants can rejuvenate their bodies and minds while embracing the tranquility of their surroundings.





Cookout Cove

Recognition Opportunity: \$75,000

Welcome to the Cookout Cove—an inviting oasis where meals and memories are shared among veterans, children, adults with diverse abilities, their families, friends, and our entire community.

In the Cookout Cove, the aroma of grilled favorites fills the air as laughter and conversation flow freely. Together, let's serve up meals and memories that nourish the body and the soul.

Flames of Hope Campfire Area

Recognition Opportunity: \$50,000

Introducing the Flames of Hope Campfire—a beacon of warmth and camaraderie where stories are shared, laughter dances, and connections are kindled. Gather around its flickering flames and let the glow of the fire ignite a sense of hope and possibility in every heart. Welcome to a place where the warmth of friendship and the crackle of flames light up the night sky with promise and joy.



Padding Forward Together

Join us for an adventure like no other. With just a few more strokes, one final push, and one last step, we'll ascend to new heights together. Our Power of Ability Phase I \$7.5 million Initiative, aimed at supporting our life-changing programs and constructing the Adventure and Wellness Lodge, is within reach.

Help us take the last leg of this journey by contributing to our goal of enhancing the health and well-being of veterans, children, and adults with disabilities. Your donation isn't just a gift—it's an offering of freedom, independence, self-esteem, and community.

Together, we can change lives and feel the Power of Ability in action. Join us on this extraordinary journey.

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“I am so grateful for organizations like ASC that offer such amazing programming year in and year out. I am the evidence that what you are doing is life-changing and life-affirming.”

– JONATHON E. STONE
Retired Marine with disability



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