On behalf of the entire female force spearheading the only women's wheelchair basketball program in California, we thank you for taking the first step in supporting our efforts to expand our impact.

Our diverse and inclusive program brings together women with various physical disabilities, including Spina Bifida, Multiple Sclerosis, Post-Polio, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Spinal Cord Injury, among others. At the heart of each of these athletes is a unique woman whose personal story and experience drew her into this wheelchair basketball community — a community that embraces all races, religions, ethnicities, cultures, socio-economic levels, gender-identities, nationalities, and sexual-orientations.

We’ve always believed that together we are stronger, which is why our women’s wheelchair basketball program is pivotal in providing women with disabilities a community of support and shared resources, a place for empowerment, comradery, and friendship, and a way to use the knowledge we have about adaptive sports to give back to our larger disabled and non-disabled communities. With your assistance, we can increase recreational and competitive wheelchair basketball opportunities for girls and women with physical disabilities.

As a program of Angel City Sports, we are working to omit obstacles to participation in adaptive sports while simultaneously helping our athletes reach their full potential through mentorship, community service, and so much more.

With additional funding we can find new athletes, expand education and advocacy surrounding the Paralympic & Disability Movements, and empower more women. More importantly, your support will help us impact more lives through the transformative power of sport.

Join us - we are just getting started!

Angel City Sports Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Program

A LETTER FROM OUR ATHLETES
Angel City Sports’ mission is to improve the social, emotional, and physical well-being of children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities by providing free, year-round access to adaptive sports training, equipment, and competitive opportunities.

This program’s goals are to:

• Build a sustainable women’s wheelchair basketball program that is woman- and disability-led
• Create a safe and welcoming space for cross-disability collaboration and cross-movement solidarity
• Amplify the voices of disabled women
• Promote athletes' participation in leading clinics and development programs
• Enrich our communities through education and advocacy
• Provide opportunities for young girls and women of all ages to participate in adaptive sports
Paralympian Courtney Ryan and University of Arizona teammate, Molly Bloom, Ph.D., co-founded Shield Maidens Wheelchair Basketball in Los Angeles in 2015.

**2016**
Shield Maidens place 4th in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Women’s Division National Championship.

**2017**
Shield Maidens place 2nd in the NWBA Women’s Division National Championship.

**2018**
Shield Maidens place 2nd in the NWBA Women’s Division National Championship.

Shield Maiden Alma Rodriguez inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame.

**2019**
Shield Maidens place 2nd in the NWBA Women’s Division National Championship.

Shield Maidens co-founder, Courtney Ryan, selected to represent Team USA Women’s Wheelchair Basketball in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games.

**2021**
Shield Maidens co-founder, Courtney Ryan, wins bronze with Team USA Women’s Wheelchair Basketball in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games.

Shield Maidens team up with Angel City Sports to expand impact and empower women with disabilities at an even greater capacity.

**2022**
We have started consistent skills & drills sessions and will host competitive team tryouts in Fall 2022!
Providing women with disabilities the opportunity to play recreational and competitive adaptive sports can help reduce stereotypes and negative perceptions associated with women who have visible and invisible disabilities.

- Approx. 36 million women in the United States live with disabilities
- 93% of women with disabilities are not involved in sport
- Women comprise only one-third of athletes with disabilities in international competitions
- Girls and women are less likely to receive medical attention and preventative care
- Girls with disabilities may be more readily institutionalized than boys

Sport is a transformative tool for women with disabilities who often experience double discrimination based on their gender and disability.

Stats from Department of Economic and Social Affairs
PAST

Alma Torres Rodriguez

This NWBA Hall of Fame inductee and 3x Paralympian has been a part of the women’s wheelchair basketball scene for over forty years. The original coach of the Shield Maidens, Alma is now focused on mentoring others and growing the sport for women of all ages.

PRESENT

Michelle Bautista

Introduced to wheelchair basketball at age three, she attributes the game to giving her the opportunity to be more comfortable with herself and her disability. She recently accepted a scholarship to play wheelchair basketball for the University of Arizona. Next stop - Team USA!

FUTURE

Arelle Middleton

The future of the Angel City Women’s Basketball program and the inspiration to grow this sport. In addition to growing her skills, Arelle is grateful to have a safe place where she can look up to and learn from other women with disabilities.
# The Impact: Sponsorship Levels

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**SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS**

01  
MAKE YOUR BRAND EPIC  
Support women with disabilities across the state of California

02  
BE PART OF A MOVEMENT  
Join a movement for the representation of women in adaptive sports

03  
ENHANCE COMPANY CULTURE  
Promote disability inclusion as part of your company culture
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