

Surfgimp Foundation triples number of grants in 2020

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By Chris Flood January 30, 2020

About 400 people came out and supported the Surfgimp Foundation during its second annual Winter Beach Bash Jan. 18 at the Rusty Rudder in Dewey Beach. The sold out event raised \$38,000, which will be put toward the foundation's mission of supporting individuals with disabilities who require assistance to participate in desired physical activities.

During the event, Surfgimp Foundation Board Member Melanie Liesener announced the foundation was awarding \$61,000 to 24 people in the 2020 grant cycle, which triples the grantees and nearly doubles the money from 2019. Liesener said grantees would be using the money for surfboards, custom equipment, snowboarding, helping a mother push her disabled daughter in a marathon and more. The foundation is serving people locally, nationally and internationally, she said.

There's a lot of good going on, but there's a lot more to do, said Liesener.

Up next for Surfgimp Foundation is 302 Day at the Milford Arena's from 2 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29. The event is hosted by Kam Productions and is a celebration of living in Delaware. The foundation is one of the beneficiaries. For more foundation information, go to surfgimpfoundation.org.

Story Location:

Rusty Rudder
103 Dickinson Avenue
Dewey Beach Delaware 19971



Surfgimp Foundation board member Adam Land shows off a board made by local shaper Matt Garbutt, who worked with Surfgimp Jay Liesener on making his adaptive surfboard.



There were 125 silent auction items donated by local businesses. Among the items up for grabs was the handcrafted Nutter Butter hand plane, made by Surfgimp team member John Doerfler.



Surfgimp Foundation volunteer Steve Huber talks about the lasting legacy of Surfgimp Jay Liesener.



In between the auction and the announcement of grants, Just the Tip frontman Bryen O'Boyle got the 400 people moving.



Kristina Garner pays Kayla Hammond, center, and Aribethzy Castillo Zamudio for some foundation gear.

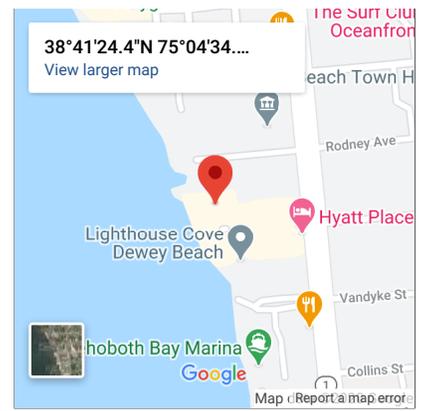
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(All day)

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