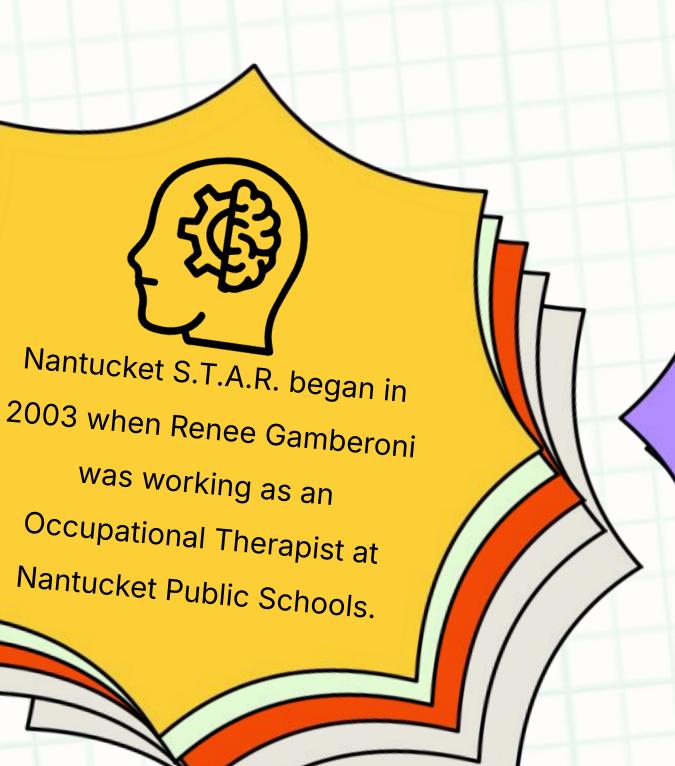


Our Mission

Our mission is to offer inclusive recreational activities that support and celebrate diverse strengths and abilities through collaborations with families and community partnerships.



Origin



Max Goode, a parent of a special needs individual, collaborated with Renee to form the vision of Nantucket S.T.A.R. and its business plan.



Renee and Max recognized a
need for adaptive
programming and recreational
opportunities and its
programs began!

Who We Are

President: Lauren Murray Soverino

Vice President: Tina Steadman

Treasurer: Mandy Mason

Secretary: Karyn Gello

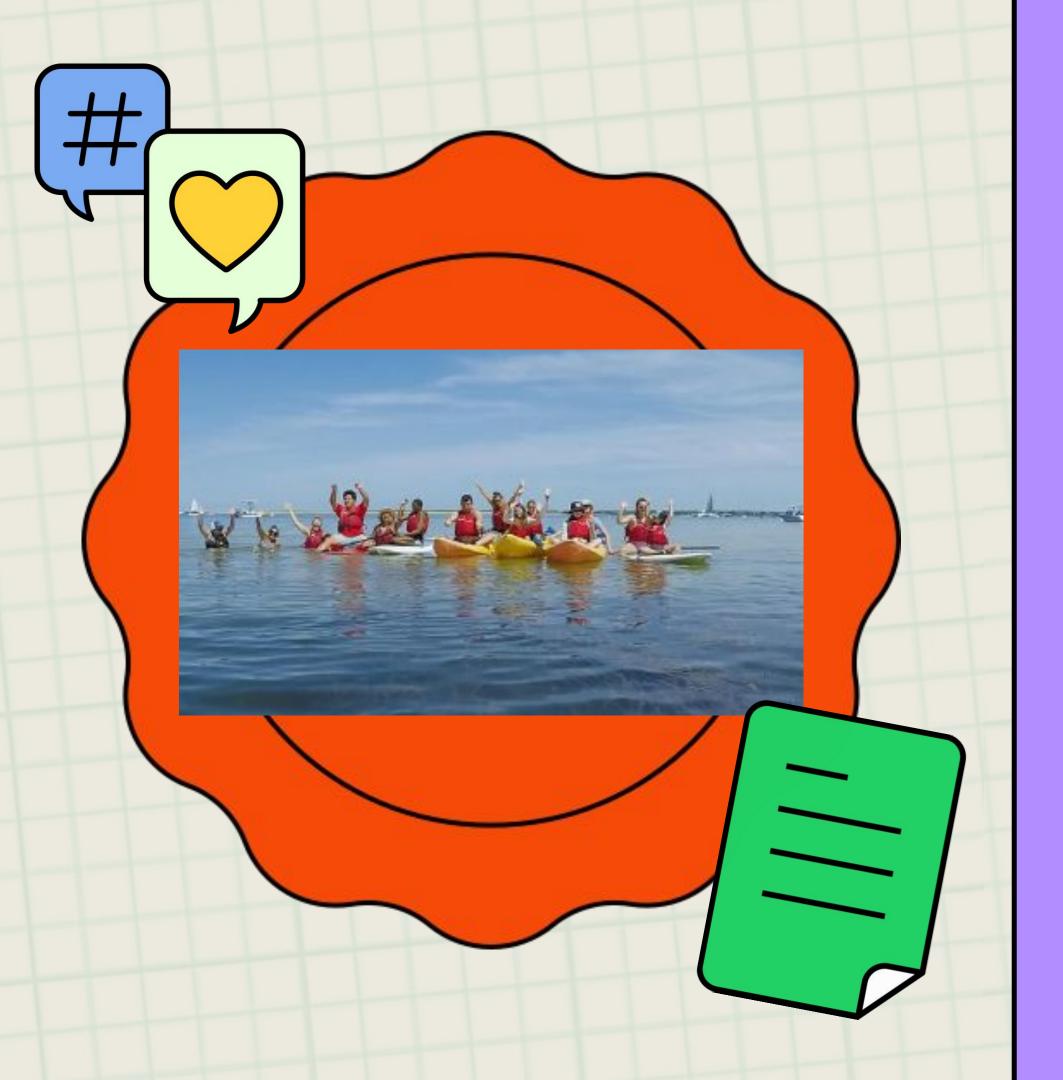
Officers:

Casey Cordone, Cassie Thompson, Jaimie Collum, Katy Perales, Kristen Dussault, Nicole Ridge, Audrey Sterk

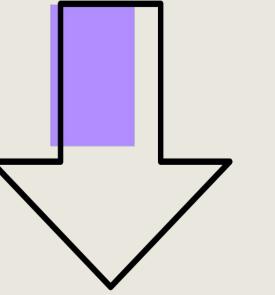
Executive Director:

Eliza Steadman





Our programs are staffed by our group of dedicated teachers, special educators, occupational therapists, and other professionals. Caring volunteers from across the community round out the S.T.A.R. team!





Spring

Tennis, STAR
Aquatics, Crossfit, In
the Garden

Summer STAR Aquatics, Beach Buddies, Adapted Watersports, Nantucket Wheelers

Our Programs

Fall

Sensory Art, Chopped,
Saturdays with STAR,
Adventure Pods,
STARS on Ice

Winter

STARS on Ice, Crossfit, Chopped, Saturdays with STAR Email us to learn about our scholarship opportunities for off island experiences!

Specialty

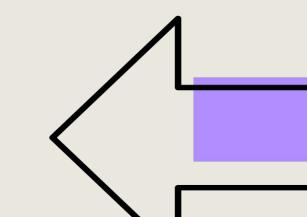
MVFCS Sensory

Movie at the

Dreamland one

Saturday a month,

MMA Science Fair



Individuals may participate who have made Nantucket their year round home or who's visit overlaps with the duration of a program

Participants

OVER 50 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

We NEVER exclude due to diagnosis or level of need

We welcome individuals of all ages, home languages, and abilities



When program spacing and staffing permits, we encourage siblings and peers to join us

In the Community



This September we were honored to receive the *Spirit of Nantucket* award from the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of this award are chosen based on votes submitted by members of our local community.

We were also brimming with gratitude upon accepting grant funding from the Community Foundation of Nantucket to support our adaptive watersports program. Eliza Steadman, our Executive Director accepted the award on our behalf.

The Blog

"It's Beautiful and Relaxing"

September 18, 2024

It is hard to believe that September is almost over. If you are anything like me September often feels like my January and frankly can be a tad overwhelming. I find myself comparing my paper planner to my phone calendar to make sure I don't miss anything. So of course I ended up in the car on a Saturday morning with an iced coffee from Espresso to Go (thanks Terri and Buddy) on my way to pick up my dear friend Ian for STAR's first adventure pod hike. Ian armed with his trusty steering wheel and me with my rapidly dwindling iced coffee embarked through mid island on the way to Sanford Farms. Both of us mentioned we felt a bit tired and we had a big week ahead with students returning to school in the pre-k and fall programming getting ready to kick off for STAR. We laughed AND yawned on our way over reminding each other we could take a nap on Sunday....probably.

We arrived at our hike and met up with our friends to walk through the farms. Ian and I walked with our friends Liz and Lily towards the back of the group enjoying conversation and a beautiful day. As we got to the pond both Lily and Ian stopped to take in the beautiful view and I heard Ian say to Lily "isn't this the most beautiful and relaxing place", turning back towards me and asking me the same question. All of a sudden it hit me! How lucky we are to be able to live in a place so filled with beauty and community that a hike like this is possible. Where all different ages and abilities can come together and enjoy the beauty of Nantucket. How I was so wrapped up in my planner that I forgot to stop and take in the beauty and joy around me. STAR continues to remind me of the simple joys of life and the power of comfortable quiet or funny conversations.

STAR is a haven for me and for our community. Creating space for creativity, adventure and new experiences. I am thankful for the staff and volunteers who show up each day invested and smiling despite busy professional careers. I am thankful for our community partners who go above and beyond to make STAR safe and accessible. I am thankful for our kids who bring their joy, enthusiasm and quiet observations of "look how beautiful and relaxing". To run and play is a gift and I am grateful to be able to participate in a program that embodies the very essence of our sandy island. I left that hike with a renewed sense of optimism and excitement for the busy fall season ahead and grateful for my friends at STAR who embrace the world with joy. We are so excited to be offering STAR skate, sensory art and playgroup this fall and I fully expect many more moments of laughter and adventure as we kick off a new season of programs. I am eternally grateful for your support and time! It makes all things STAR possible.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about being involved with STAR in any capacity I would love to chat with you. Thank you for continuing to help us shoot for the STARs.

Eliza Steadman

Executive Director



We're
looking
forward to...

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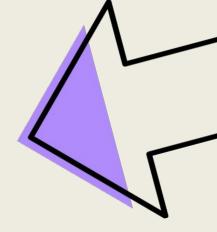
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A NANTUCKET S.T.A.R FUNDRAISER JUNE 28, 2025 5:00-7:00PM GREAT HARBOR YACHT CLUB

WWW.NANTUCKETSTAR.ORG

featuring our first ever Impact Film with Yellow Productions

Goals for 2025



EXPAND

our program staff, community partners, and volunteer base

ELEVATE

our community
presence through
digital media, website
upgrades, and local
advertising



our fundraising efforts
to better meet the
financial needs of our
organization as we
grow



SUPPORT

our incredible participants
and their families by
continuing to offer
high-quality adaptive
programs and
opportunities





SHOOT FOR THE STARS

A fundraising campaign to increase access to Nantucket S.T.A.R. programming

GOAL: \$100,000



Volunteer

complete this form and join us

Sponsorship

Personal or Business, learn more <u>here</u>

Donate

Annual Fundraiser,
One time or Recurring
click here

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Our 2024 STAR Stakeholders





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