

Back on the Slopes with Miracle Sickle

For any athlete, getting back in the game after an injury can be a long journey. For Miracle Sickle, one of the very first people to ski with the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program, getting back on the mountain after a bad fall meant learning how to navigate the slopes on a whole new piece of gear.

But, after almost a decade off skis following a serious knee injury, Sickle hit the trails with TASP this year on a bi-ski—and she’s already stoked to keep learning next season.

“It was different for sure, but it’s fun to be back out,” she said of returning to Telluride in late March.

Sickle, who has cerebral palsy, has been skiing with TASP since 1994, before the program was even officially a nonprofit.

She first learned to ski with her mom and family friends, and her love for it really grew once she got involved with the adaptive sports program.

“They just became part of my family,” she said “And I’ve loved it ever since.”

For most of Sickle’s life she skied what TASP calls “two track,” with the two traditional skis. In fact, she said, independence was one of her favorite parts of the sport.

“That’s what I used to love,” she said, “being free on the mountain.”



Miracle on her lesson in March 2026 with Program Director, Tim, and Youth Athlete, Justino.



Miracle Day in 2009!

Ute Park, Sundance, and the trails off Lift 10 were some of her favorites, and she made a name for herself on the mountain by hosting “Ski With Miracle” days each year.

Everyone at Telluride was invited to share the stoke at these events, where they could take laps with Miracle and enjoy a barbeque at TASP for a small donation.

“It was awesome,” Sickle said.

But, after getting injured in a ski accident, it would be years before she got back out on the snow. Sickle said physical therapy helped her get strong again, and her friends including some TASP staff finally convinced her to hit the slopes again this year.

She’s not sure if she’ll ever go back to two-track, but said it felt “very good” to be back on the mountain regardless.

Now, she’s already planning next season’s adventures, including bringing back “Ski With Miracle” days to benefit TASP.

After all, the program has been part of her life for decades, and she’s been with it from the start.

“It means so much” Sickle said of TASP’s place in her life, and she loves the program’s staff and the opportunities they give everyone to get on the mountain.

“If we didn’t have the adaptive,” she said, “There would be so many people missing out.”