

To the Global Skydiving Community,



As we embrace the promise of 2024, we reflect on a year marked by unprecedented support and achievement. In 2023, together, we raised over **\$2.4 million**—our most successful fundraising year yet. This incredible milestone underscores the power of our collective belief in preserving and celebrating the history of our sport.

We are deeply grateful to each of you who have stepped forward, contributing your resources, time, and passion. Your generosity is the bedrock upon which we will build our future museum and hall of fame.

Yet, as we journey from vision to reality, a consistent theme emerges from our conversations: inspiration and anticipation. Many of you have shared your excitement for the future museum, captivated by its potential to inspire and honor. However, it's also become clear that while enthusiasm is high, there is a hesitancy to move from observer to participant. Now more than ever, we need you to **take that step with us**.

How You Can Propel Us Forward

- **Donate:** Every dollar contributed is a vote of confidence in our shared vision. Let's turn our collective anticipation into action.
- **Refer:** If you know someone who shares our passion, introduce them to us. Your networks can become our strongest allies.
- **Recruit:** Transform enthusiasm into engagement. Encourage those inspired by our plans to join us in making them a reality.
- **Recognition:** The STAR Wall offers a unique opportunity to honor those who have left an indelible mark on our community. Recognize someone who has inspired you or made a significant contribution.
- **Become an Ambassador:** Expand your impact by joining this elite group of over 200 people who are critical to our success.
- **Fundraise:** Host a "Jump for the Museum Weekend" at your local DZ, organize community events like barbecues or movie night, set up a birthday fundraiser on Facebook, or get creative with auctions. Your initiative can fuel our progress.
- **Show Your Support:** Add the "International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame" to your email signature. If you are an Ambassador, trustee-at-large or member of the Hall of Fame, include that also.
- **Share Your Ideas:** Your creativity is our greatest asset. Have an innovative fundraising idea? We're all ears.

The finish line is in view, not just by constructing a building but by creating a beacon of inspiration, a place where we can honor and preserve our past for future generations. Yet, to turn our blueprints into bricks, we need more than just words of support—we need action.

As we move forward, let us remember that every contribution, no matter its size, brings us closer to our goal. To those who have already contributed, your generosity has been the catalyst for our success. Now, we invite everyone to join us in this critical phase of our journey.

Thank you for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and belief in our vision. Let's make 2024 the year we all take a step forward together and get this museum built!

J. F. (Curt) Curtis III—President/CEO, International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame

After a one-year hiatus, James F. "Curt" Curtis III has stepped back into the leadership role of president/CEO for the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame. "I appreciate the Board's confidence in putting me back in the president's chair, as I believe we are at a critical stage in the timeline to complete our mission, and now is the time to do so. It is a most important project for our sport and one worthy of every skydiver's philanthropy." A big thank you to Graeme Windsor, who served as president/CEO in 2023. The dedication both of these gentlemen give to the museum is truly inspirational!

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The NEW Hall of Fame Nominations deadline is November 30th! Mark your calendars!

Museum Welcomes New Trustees

Eric W. 'Ric' Braman, A-12114

Ric, a 32-year US Army rotary and fixed wing aviator/infantry officer veteran, served three tours in Vietnam, accumulating more than 1,700 combat flight hours. He holds FAA SEL, MEL and ATP ratings, and has accumulated more than 8,000 flight hours. Ric made his first jump at Orange, MA, in 1963. Over several decades, Ric completed five static line jumps with the Fort Campbell sport chute club and a hop-n-pop at Lee's Grandma's airport, OK, in the mid-'70s; an AFF course sponsored by the G-B club at Fort Bragg in early '80; and he earned his class A license at the Utah Sky Ranch in 1990. After a hiatus of 33 years, Ric reentered the sport making a freefall at Eloy, AZ, in October 2023. He serves as a member of the museum's finance and budget committee.



Henny Wiggers



Dutch skydiver Henny Wiggers began skydiving in 1981 and has amassed a broad skydiving portfolio in both the Netherlands and the international community. He has made more than 24,850 jumps, which include formation skydiving, paraski, freestyle, skysurfing, wingsuiting, speed skydiving, canopy formation, canopy piloting, videography and all first-jump training disciplines. Henny has competed in multiple disciplines around the globe. Since 2006, he has been his country's alternate delegate to the FAI/IPC and served on multiple commissions. Simply put, Henny is the consummate international skydiver, which includes jumps onto the North Pole. He is a member of the International Skydiving Hall of Fame Class of 2018 and serves on the Board's Path and Pioneers of Excellence awards and recognition committee.

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ISC Delegates Visit Future Site of International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame

During the February 2024 ISC meeting hosted by USPA in Orlando, Florida, the museum welcomed more than 75 delegates at the future site for the ISMHOF. Each delegate had the opportunity to get their photo taken in front of the museum sign holding their country's flag. A reception followed that included a project update. This was a vitally important opportunity to keep the global skydiving community well informed on our progress.



The International Skydiving Museum demo team performed a dazzling display that amazed even the highly experienced ISC delegates



From left: Abdulmajed Almutairi and Omar Alhegelan (HOF Class of 2021 and a member of the ISC Bureau), both delegates representing Saudi Arabia; newly elected ISC president and delegate from Spain Alberto Martin Paracuellos

Museum trustee and former ISC president Gillian Rayner, along with more than 75 delegates from around the globe, enjoying a reception and museum presentation after visiting the museum's future site in Orlando, FL



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