

# Local para-athlete Cora Weeks receives support for Paralympic dream

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Click image above for a link to the video. After a life-changing illness, 12-year-old Cora Weeks, now a wheelchair user, found strength and confidence through fencing. The Fountains at La Cholla is helping fund her training and competition expenses as she aims for the 2028 Paralympics.

TUCSON, Ariz. (KVOA) — Twelve-year-old Cora Weeks, who now relies on a wheelchair after an unexpected illness two years ago, is determined to compete in the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games.

Fencing has played a key role in building her strength, well-being, and confidence, and she recently won the Parafencing North American Cup Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia.

To help her reach her goal, The Fountains at La Cholla, a local retirement community, is contributing to her training expenses. The community is raising funds through Watermark for Kids, a nonprofit organization founded by Watermark Retirement Communities President David Barnes. Watermark for Kids supports underserved youth by providing financial assistance for activities like sports and other programs that help them reach their full potential.

The associates and residents at The Fountains at La Cholla are supporting Weeks' fencing training at the Tucson-based German Fencing Academy, as well as the specialized equipment and competition costs she will incur.

Weeks is focused on her dream of competing in the 2028 Paralympic Games, and with the support of her community, she is one step closer to making that dream a reality.