

Roland has faced numerous challenges that impacted his ability to participate in sports. Social interaction was a significant barrier, making it difficult to build friendships and feel connected at school or in the community. His motor coordination struggles made physical activities frustrating, while rigid thinking patterns and difficulty understanding complex sports rules made adapting to fast-paced situations overwhelming. Challenges in planning, organization, and processing multiple pieces of information simultaneously, added further complexity to playing sports and being part of a team. Performance pressure and anxiety often held Roland back from trying new or demanding activities, affecting his confidence and willingness to persevere.

Despite these obstacles, Roland's determination and participation in inclusive sports opportunities allowed him to overcome difficulties. Roland is a veteran baseball player on our community-based, inclusive baseball program. Every year, Roland's baseball skills, social skills, and leadership skills have flourished! He earned the Home Run Derby Champion and Pitching Challenge Champion almost every year!