Erin Parisi

TranSending in her words...

"Since I was a child, I knew I was different... and being different can be especially difficult for a child. The pressure of hiding led me into a dark valley of depression, drug abuse, and self-destructive behaviors, before sports saved me. After coming out, continuing my passion for mountaineering has provided affirmation and strength to learn and grow as myself. I support TranSending and their 7 Summits Project as I hope it will help future generations find strength to be themselves, full inclusion in sports, & all the benefits we gain from participation on all fields of play."
“Sending it” - verb, (Def.): the action of just doing it, to say “yes!” or “OK!”, don’t think about it, have confidence and just send it! (slang. Used heavily in outdoor athletics such as rock climbing, mountaineering, snow sports, mountain biking, and in reference to “crux” moves.)

Tim: “Wow - these trans athletes are amazing!”
Emma: “Of course! They just send it!”

TranSending is a 501(c)3 organization formed with the focus of advancement of the LGBT community, specifically the Trans population, through equality & inclusion on all sports fields. We believe the benefits of competitive sports should be equally accessible to all, & are especially instrumental in creating a positive and affirming life for our vulnerable transgender youth.

We seek to find and support athletes, athletic programs, & events that help create safe spaces for trans athletes, showcase transgender athletic accomplishments, and in so doing create a new narrative of health & confidence for the most at risk.

TranSending’s Inaugural mission is known as TranSending7. TranSending7’s challenge is to place a transgender climber atop the highest summit on each of the 7 continents. While the 7 Summits has now been completed by a few hundred people, with men far outweighing women, a trans person has never completed the goal. In changing that we will bring a trans person to the symbolic highest point in every land.

Our goal in this journey is simple. In bringing attention to the challenges trans athletes face in sports we plan to:

- Celebrate a trans person standing proudly atop the highest point in every continent with confidence.
- Rise from the shadows we’ve been relegated to in the past, to a place where there’s no place left to cast a shadow on us.
- Create and reinforce a new narrative of positivity and affirming life experience for people of all genders.
- Honor and celebrate those friends and family who continued on our paths with us when we came out, lifting us further and giving us confidence in ourselves when we needed it the most.

Erin provided an answer to any doubters very quickly. With a history of far off travels, and a long list of past adventures, she committed to taking on our 7 Summits project without hesitation. If any doubt still remained, she killed them by slogging three of the 7 Summits in six months with ascents in Australia, Africa, & Europe in the first half of 2018.

Some of Erin’s past adventures include Heli-skiing in Alaska, two summit completions on Kilimanjaro, a crossing of the Himalayas in Nepal, several ski mountaineering trips through Canada & the USA, and mountain bike descents across North and South America.

Erin loves snow sports & mountain biking, and backpacking deep into the her home Colorado wilderness with her two dogs.