



Kinetic Kids

Summer 2010

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A non-profit organization providing sports and recreation activities for children with special needs

Sport and Recreation for All Abilities.

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★ Kinetic Kids Spotlight Star of the Season: KATY FRIEND ★

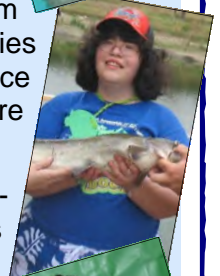
In May of 1998 a beautiful baby girl came to live with us as a foster baby. She was 3 months old, had a feeding tube, and a diagnosis of Prader-Willi Syndrome but we didn't care — We fell in love with her. We did a lot of research, talked to doctors, The Prader-Willi Association and made the decision to adopt Katy and make her a "Friend."

That was 12 years ago. It has been a wonderful roller coaster ride with all of the ups and downs of raising a child, then you throw in Prader-Willi Syndrome, putting a few more bumps in the road. But all things are possible with God and faith.

When Katy was 5, we heard about Kinetic Kids and all the wonderful opportunities they offered kids of *all* abilities. Over the last 7 years Katy has participated in t-ball, gymnastics, dance, basketball, swimming, soccer, golf, outdoor explorers, skiing, & flag football and she has loved them all. Katy has made many friends and has been given so many opportunities because of KINETIC KIDS. As parents we have been able to experience with Katy all the joy's of trying something new and exciting, just as we were able to do with her older brother and sister.

As Katy's mom I have had the pleasure of volunteering, serving on different committees and helping where ever I can with Kinetic Kids. It brings me great joy to watch KINETIC KIDS continue to grow and be there for the KIDS in San Antonio and surrounding areas. KINETIC KIDS staff and volunteers are AWESOME! Thank You, KINETIC KIDS you will always have a special place in my heart.

With Love and Gratitude, Kathy Friend



ENDEAVOR GAMES

Kinetic Kids traveled to the 2010 Endeavor Games with 6 of our finest athletes. Our team worked hard to train in track and field events for the past 3 months and they achieved their dreams of competing in a USA Level 3 sanctioned event. Our athletes came home with over 50 gold medals!!



Arturo Liendo, Jr.



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Diana Neal



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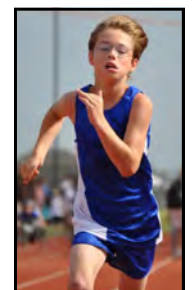
NEVER GIVE UP !

NEVER GIVE OUT!

NEVER GIVE IN!



Samuel DeRousse



Nolan LeVrier



Kinetic Kids' 6th annual "TRY it BEFORE YOU BUY it event" was a fantastically fun Fiesta!



Kinetic Kids hosted its 6th annual Try It Before You Buy It Event on Battle of Flowers Friday, April 23rd. This event gave families the opportunity to not only learn about and view products & services, but also to try out a variety of equipment available to the special needs

community. This year, the event was held at Morgan's Wonderland Event Center, the world's first ultra accessible family fun park. Local vendors, community resources & national manufacturers displayed their products & services for children with special needs. Equipment included: wheelchairs, schedule boards, walkers, adaptive tricycles, orthotics, toys, accessible vans, and other therapeutic aides.

Along with all the wonderful information provided, kids created their own artwork by decorating "wheels of all kinds" for our ever popular "Parade on Wheels." Streamers, flags, and smiles were everywhere as the children paraded throughout the event center to the sounds of fun fiesta music. Kinetic Kids' Music class and Gymnasts also showed off their amazing talents with special performances. A huge thanks to KENS 5 Weatherman, Bill Taylor, who once again did an incredible job as our fabulous MC! Kinetic Kids would like to thank Morgan's Wonderland & all of our volunteers & committee members for helping make this event such a success!!



Thank You to our 2010 vendors, manufacturers, and community & nonprofit resources:

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Kinetic Kids is Hosting its Annual Bike Camp this August!

Do you have a child 8 years old or older who has not yet mastered bike riding?

Well, Kinetic Kids has the solution for you! We will be hosting a Lose The Training Wheels Bike Camp August 9-13th in San Antonio. The bike camp will be held at University United Methodist Church.

Sessions are 75 minutes a day for 5 days.

Participants are required to be there all 5 days.

This is a very exciting opportunity made available by Kinetic Kids to help promote bike riding and to help children with special needs experience the thrill and peer inclusion that bike riding can do in their lives.

Requirements for Participation

Minimum 8 years of age

With a disability

Ambulatory without an assistive device

Able to side step quickly to both sides

Able to wear a properly fitted bike helmet

Minimum inseam measurement of 20" (Minimum height is 40")

Maximum weight is 220 lbs.

It is important to consider behavioral issues as you evaluate this program for your child. An individual may be physically able to ride a bike, but if their behavior is such that they cannot be persuaded to get on the bike and follow instructions, then it is likely this program will not be beneficial.

We are accepting applications now! For more info or to receive an application, call Tracey at (210) 748-5867 or email her at tracey.kinetickids@sbcglobal.net.



Meet Bethany Day, physical therapist & Kinetic Kids Program Director!

Bethany has worked in a clinical setting as a physical therapist for 11 years and currently enjoys her roles as a Kinetic Kids Program Director and full time mommy! Bethany started with Kinetic Kids 2 years ago as a gymnastics instructor which led to helping out with Dance, Swim, T-ball, Basketball and much, much more! Bethany's biggest project with Kinetic Kids at this time is helping the Expansion Committee bring more programs to the Southside of San Antonio. She has a sincere interest in reaching out to those under served. Bethany says *"I am passionate about improving the quality of life of all the children involved with Kinetic Kids by working to provide them with the most fun, safe, and inclusive experience in a sports and recreational environment. The laugh and smile of a child enjoying themselves warms my heart. They are my heroes and I learn from them every day how to persevere and love life! I also get to work with an incredible staff dedicated to the same mission and I continue to learn from them daily!"*



Kinetic Kids welcomes Bethany to the team and thanks her for her heart and dedication towards this wonderful group of kids!

Spring Fun!

Outdoors with Kinetic Kids



Join us this summer for our next Outdoor Explorer Event! You Don't want to miss it!



This past Spring, St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries attended track and field practice to Award Kinetic Kids with a \$7,500 grant for 2010! Kinetic Kids would like to say THANK YOU for your tremendous support!

Special Needs Cheerleading brings out the BEST in all...

Kinetic Kids is now REGISTERING for our 2nd cheerleading season with Pinnacle Cheer!

What is it? A special needs team is a team comprised of athletes with physical or cognitive challenges. The team will learn a cheer routine to music, involving tumbling, stunting, cheer and dance.

Who Can Sign up? This team is open to all children AGES 6-21 who have a physical or cognitive disability AND ARE ABLE to follow instructions in a group setting without one on one assistance; children in the Kinetic Kids ALL STAR and COMPETITIVE divisions.

When & Where? Pinnacle Cheer and Kinetic Kids combined forces for this program to make this a successful, safe, and fun experience for all. Practices will be every Sunday at Pinnacle Cheer from August 1-February 20. There will be 5 mandatory competitions throughout the season.

What are the benefits? Competitive cheerleading builds physical fitness, coordination, self confidence and discipline. Both Kinetic Kids and Pinnacle cheer will provide well-qualified staff dedicated to providing an enriching, rewarding and of course fun experience for your entire family!

According to a Harvard University professor, Allen Crocker, *"this (phenomenon) has a social significance...this is a breakthrough...it is the antithesis of isolation. We all hope that our youngsters with special needs will be welcomed in activities that are part of our culture."*

Cheerleading builds social interaction in a team oriented, positive environment

Cheerleading builds self-esteem, motivation, work ethic, and a sense of belonging and accomplishment

Cheerleading provides a fun and energetic form of exercise!

How do I register? For more info about the cheer program & to receive a registration form, please contact Tracey at (210) 748-5867 or tracey.kinetickids@sbcglobal.net



LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS

Annual Giving Society

The LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS Annual Giving Society celebrates individual donors who contribute \$500 or more a year to Kinetic Kids. Unrestricted gifts and donations made to Kinetic Kids during the current fiscal year qualify.

CHAMPIONS receive membership benefits each year, including special recognition in the Annual Report, exclusive newsletters, and invitations to special private events.



This past Spring Season Kinetic Kids was honored to have the assistance of a local JYSF 8u program softball team, the Converse Riptides. The Riptides came out to play against our Kinetic Kids Whitesox, giving them a true competitive experience and showing them what teamwork is all about! Kinetic Kids would like to thank the Riptides for all their help throughout the season!



To the World I may be 1 person, but to 1 person I am the WORLD
Thank YOU for making a WORLD of difference in the lives of Kinetic Kids!

Kinetic Kids Launches its Annual Giving Society, *Legacy of Champions*, at the Champions Luncheon presented by IBC Bank.

On May 6, 2010 more than 100 people gathered at the St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church to honor mothers and *our* champions, the boys and girls of Kinetic Kids. During this one-hour event guests learned more about Kinetic Kids and its impact on the more than 1,500 children served each year. Kinetic Kid, Samuel De Rousse shared what his mom means to him. Founding board member, Peggy Neal emceed the event. Nearly \$14,000 was raised to help San Antonio children with special needs achieve their dreams of walking a balance beam, riding traditional bicycles, playing a guitar and more.

A special thank you to IBC Bank for sponsoring the event.

Founding Legacy of Champions Members

Dan Blecher
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Thank you 2010 Champions Luncheon table Captains

Alpa Patel-Challapalli
Mollie Cullinane
Maritza Cano
Erica Dixon
Terri Edlund
Tracey Fontenot
Kathy Friend

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For more information on the Legacy of Champions or sponsoring Kinetic Kids, please contact Erica Dixon at (210) 913-0960 or email ericadixon@kinetickidstx.org



Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Kinetic Kids!

KCI & The Servant's Heart Foundation: "Kinetic Kids greatly appreciates the contributions of both KCI and it's employee-funded and managed Servant's Heart Foundation.

"For the past three years, KCI has contributed \$12,500 a year towards Kinetic Kids program support. This money

has been used to operate Kinetic Kids' 250 programs over the past three years, which have served more than 3,500 children with special needs through sports and recreational activities.

"The KCI's Servant Heart Foundation funded the purchase of the Kinetic Kids van in 2006. The van is used to transport sports equipment like canoes, sport court wheelchairs, track and field wheelchairs, adapted basketball rims, gym mats, and balance beams to program sites across the city. This year Kinetic Kids added the decorative vinyl van wrap to the van.

"The Servant's Heart Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by KCI employee contributions. A volunteer group of KCI employees reviews grant requests and allocates funds to charitable organizations like Kinetic Kids.

Thank you, Servant's Heart Foundation!



Come join us for
Kinetic Kids

3rd Annual Court of Dreams

Friday, August 20th at the AT&T Center.

This is a terrific opportunity for Kinetic Kids and their families to experience basketball in a whole new way!

1-4pm: behind-the-scenes tour of the AT&T Center including Spurs and Silver Stars locker rooms & playing basketball on the AT&T Center's court.

7:00pm: Silver Stars vs. Indiana Fever; seating in lower level at the AT&T Center & it's dollar night!

Ticket price: \$20 per person.



Contact: Bethany at: 210-363-3331
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SAVE THE DATE

KINETIC KIDS

Presents

The 7th Annual Hootenanny:

Dancing For OUR Stars

Thursday November 11th, 2010

7 pm

Pearl Stable

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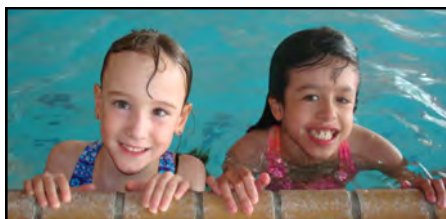


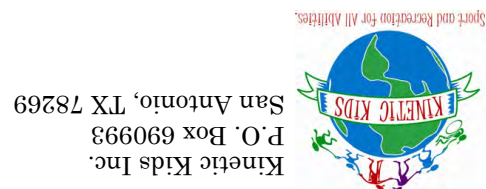
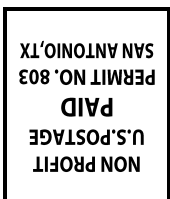
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Kinetic Kids Photo Gallery





Kinetic Kids thanks all of our Stars!!

Our goals and dreams for enriching the lives of children with disabilities is made possible from our generous donors and supporters throughout the year. We are able to achieve such great results because of people like you. Thank you.

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