



Kinetic Kids

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

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Newsletter!

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Daniel 2001



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Diana 2001

10 Years Strong!
Look How We've Grown!
Ten years ago we had a dream that all of San Antonio's children – regardless of their physical or cognitive ability—could enjoy sports and recreational programs. We started with one t-ball team of 12 kids. Our programs, participant numbers and community support have grown, and so have our *kids!*

In 10 Years
6,179 Children with (dis)Abilities were Served
362 Sports, Recreation & Educational Programs
25,000 Family Members have seen their child run bases, swim laps, walk balance beams & gain Lots of **COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, FRIENDSHIP, PRIDE & JOY**

Dear friends of Kinetic Kids, over the past ten years, we have been humbled by the generosity and support of the community. But we have a long way to go to help more kids with disabilities. Kinetic Kids hopes to bring joy to 1,500 children this year. We want to expand to under-served communities, like San Antonio's south side. Please help us. You can help us celebrate our ten year anniversary by making a gift to Kinetic Kids today with the enclosed envelope. Please consider a gift for each year of service, for example \$10 for each year of service will equal \$100! On behalf of **our** Kinetic Kids, thank you for your continued confidence and support.
Yours in service,

Kacey Wernli, P.T. & Tracey Fontenot, P.T.
Co-Executive Directors & Founders



Kacey & Tracey 2001



Kacey & Tracey 2011

NOW:



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Kinetic Kids' 7th annual "Try it Before you Buy it event" Was a great success!



Kinetic Kids hosted its 7th annual "Try It Before You Buy It" event on Presidents' Day, Monday February 21st this year. The 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. The event was held at University United Methodist Church with a Rodeo Roundup theme. Local vendors, community resources & national manufacturers displayed their products and services for children with special needs. Equipment included: wheelchairs, walkers, adaptive tricycles, orthotics, toys, accessible vans, and other therapeutic aides. Along with all the wonderful information provided, there was a Kids Korner where 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 to the sounds of fun Western tunes. Kinetic Kids' Dance Performers also showed off their boot scootin' amazing talents with a special performance. A huge thanks to Donna Umhoefer, who did an incredible job as our fabulous MC! Kinetic Kids would like to thank University United Methodist Church, all of our volunteers and committee members for helping make this event such a success!! Keep an eye out for our next Try It Event scheduled in 2012! It's sure to boast even more wonderful products and services available to the special needs community!



Thank You to our 2011 vendors, manufacturers, and community & nonprofit resources:

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Kinetic Kids athletes attend the 2011 Endeavor Games in Edmond Oklahoma

Kinetic Kids recently competed at the Endeavor Games in track and field, swimming and wheelchair basketball events. 10 athletes with physical disabilities competed in a variety of events and brought home 52 gold medals to San Antonio!!

Kacey Wernli, co-executive director of Kinetic Kids, states: *"The Endeavor Games not only gives our athletes the opportunity to compete but allows them to compete against kids their own age and functional level. This makes for close competition and gives our athletes with physical disabilities a chance to compete against other athletes with a similar disability."*

Congratulations to the 2011 Kinetic Kids Endeavor Team: Diana Neal (22 years), Mariah Kilbourne (22 years), Hailey Brown (11 years), Arturo Liendo, Jr. (8 years), William McKinnley (15 years), Wyatt Struxness (14 years), Samuel DeRousse (10 years), Seth Bosquez (8 years), Gabriel Donias (7 years) and Daniel Velasquez (15 years).

Record Breakers:

Some Kinetic Kids athletes made history this year. Samuel DeRousse, broke the national record in the discus event. Samuel is 10 years old with cerebral palsy and competed in track and field events earning him 7 gold medals. Daniel Velasquez, who is 15 years old with cerebral palsy, brought home 8 gold medals, 1 bronze medal and qualified to compete at the National Junior Disability Championship being held in Saginaw, Michigan in July.



ARTURO

GABRIEL

DANIEL



OUR 2011 ENDEAVOR ATHLETES



SAMUEL



WYATT



HAILEY, MARIAH, DIANA

To learn more about Kinetic Kids or the Endeavor Games, please call (210)748-5866 or visit www.kinetickidstx.org.

We asked Daniel to share a little of his story:

"National Junior Disabled Competition, NJDC, aka Nationals is an amazing 10 day event. While I have qualified every year since I started competing, this is my second year to compete there. Being able to compete in disabled sports with other teenagers that look and walk/run just like me, who have the same passion I do, is really what makes all the hard work worthwhile."

I usually compete at the Endeavor Games in Edmond OK in June to qualify for Nationals in July. While the Endeavor Games are a lot of fun, Nationals is not only fun, but a very serious competition. Nationals is also where a lot of the Paralympics coaches go to watch, teach clinics and recruit future USA Team members."

At Nationals this year, my goal was to have personal best in all my events. I competed in nine events, had personal best in 4 events, came in first in all nine events and set a National record for the Long Jump. Just for the record I hate the Long Jump, but decided to show up for a couple of jumps, so I wouldn't be disqualified. The first two jumps felt really good and next thing you know I broke the record. What a shock! This was my first event of the competition and it just 'Jump' started me and set the standard for the rest of the week."

Competition, medals, wins, all of these things are good, but one of the best things about Nationals is the level of competition and the friendships that are made through competition. I have made many friends in the last two years and I fully expect these friendships to continue for a long time."

Kinetic Kids, Inc is proud of all our athletes!

SAVE THE DATE!

Kinetic Kids 1st Annual 5k

Run/Walk



On **January 28, 2012**, the first ever Kinetic Kids 5k will be held at **University of the Incarnate Word**. This 5k will be unique in that it will have two running courses. One will be a scenic course through the beautiful Incarnate Word campus, perfectly suited for the San Antonio running community. The race will include timing chips and will be moderated by Soler's Sports. The other will be a scenic course for our Kinetic Kids and their families, who will have the opportunity to run, walk or roll. Awards, t-shirts, snacks and beverages will be provided. Current sponsors include **KCI, Rackspace, & HEB**. Interested in being a corporate sponsor or volunteering for the event?

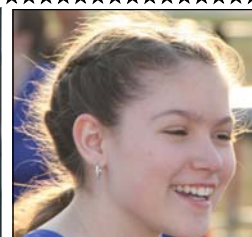
Contact **Peggy Neal** at peggyneal09@gmail.com
What better motivator to start the new year off right than with a 5K for a great cause! Start training today and keep an eye out at www.kinetickidstx.org for more details!

Save-The-Date
for a Boot Scootin' Good Time!

KINETIC KIDS' 8TH ANNUAL HOOTENANNY,



will be held on **Thursday, November 3, 2011** at **Pearl Stable**. This fun filled evening is dedicated to *our* stars, the boys and girls of Kinetic Kids. The Hootenanny is Kinetic Kids' largest fundraising event of the year, where guests can enjoy a dinner, dance and auction. For the 2011 Hootenanny, Kinetic Kids is proud to have the Honorable Nelson and Tracy Wolff serving as Honorary Chairs. Save the Date because you won't want to miss this fun and inspiring event! To be a part of this special evening contact **Erica Dixon** at: 210-913-0960 or ericadixon@kinetickidstx.org



◆ Meet one of our new Program Directors: ◆ **Adrienne Gaither, OTR**



Hello! I am thrilled to be part of the Kinetic Kids Team! I have been an occupational therapist working with children for over 15 years and wouldn't have mapped my career any differently! I have been blessed to have met and worked with children and families who have been affected by many different diagnoses, but Sensory Processing Disorder and Autism are areas in which I have been led to specialize. My involvement with Kinetic Kids began 5 years ago as a sensory consultant and I have been especially excited to see our Champion Division grow and diversify. Now that I am spending more time with this amazing organization, I look forward to helping that growth continue and to learning more about the other programs offered in our Allstar and Competitive Divisions! This summer, I was able to direct Musical Theatre, Gymnastics, and our special one-day event focusing on summertime arts and crafts. I believe that the most important occupation of childhood is play and that no matter what barriers a medical or developmental issue may cause, all children can and want to "just have fun!" Kinetic Kids is the perfect fit for that very important "work" of childhood and I'm excited to have the opportunity to facilitate and maximize that potential in any way I can!

◆ Welcome Adrienne to the Kinetic Kids Team! ◆



Kinetic Kids' 3rd Annual Champions Luncheon:

The San Antonio Country Club was the setting for this year's Champions Luncheon. Nearly 150 people came together in support of Kinetic Kids and in celebration of Mothers. The Mother's Day themed luncheon honored all mothers, including those mothers who experience the challenges and joys of raising a child with special needs. This year's luncheon held a special significance as it is Kinetic Kids' ten-year anniversary. Ten of our Kinetic Kids, representing 10 years of service, shared with luncheon guests their favorite Kinetic Kids program and just how much they love their Mom!

Kens 5 Chief Meteorologist, Bill Taylor, emceed the event. The luncheon raised over \$20,000, making it the most successful luncheon to-date. The funds raised will be used to off-set program costs, which enables Kinetic Kids to charge participants one-fourth of what it actually costs to run programs.

Thank you 2011 Legacy of Champions Donors!

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Thank you 2011 Table Captains for helping make the luncheon a success!

Alpa Patel-Challapalli, Cathryn LeVrier, Elsie Tuholsky, Joanie Tuholsky, Kacey Wernli, Kathy Friend, Lorena Esnayra, Marla Svedeman, Mollie Cullinane, Natalie Gingrich, Peggy Neal, Pattie Martinez, Sally Blecher, Sheryl Cruz, Suzy Hill, & Teresa Benke

Kinetic Kids thanks all of our amazing supporters!!

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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Kinetic Kids welcomes new Board President, Josh Zeller

Originally from Houston, Josh resides in San Antonio with his wife and three children. Josh has served on the Kinetic Kids board for over a year. When asked why he became involved with Kinetic Kids Josh said, "Kinetic Kids is a truly remarkable organization. Through the hard work of the KK staff and volunteers, so many children and their families have the opportunity to participate in enjoyable, educational and rewarding experiences. If you attend one event, you can't help but fall in love with the organization and the happiness that it provides. I am excited and honored to serve as the board president." Thank YOU Josh!



As you may know, Kinetic Kids utilizes numerous facilities throughout San Antonio to provide its programs for our amazing kids. One facility in particular has gone out of their way to allow us time and space in their wonderful facilities. THANK YOU University United Methodist Church for all you have done in helping us bring so many programs to the special needs population of San Antonio!

VOLUNTEER VOICES!



As a first year volunteer with Kinetic Kids, I loved spending time with these special kids every week! They had so much energy and love. It was a joy to watch their skills

improve each week, but it was even more rewarding to encourage their confidence in life. —Amy Harris



"Volunteering with Kinetic Kids is awesome!!! I have so much fun seeing them rejoice in friendly competition. I love that each child is unique. They all learn and respond differently from each other. As a volunteer, this helped me expand my knowledge of how to work with future Kinetic Kids and be more capable of helping any child in the many different programs. Knowing that they look forward to seeing me every week is an indescribable feeling. —Long time volunteer, David Muniz

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. The success of our Kids is due largely in part to the enthusiasm, encouragement and dedication of our volunteers. We know the commitment and sacrifice it requires to volunteer your time with us and we appreciate each and every one of you! THANK YOU!

To volunteer contact Natalie Henry: volunteer@kinetickidstx.org or call 210-621-3141

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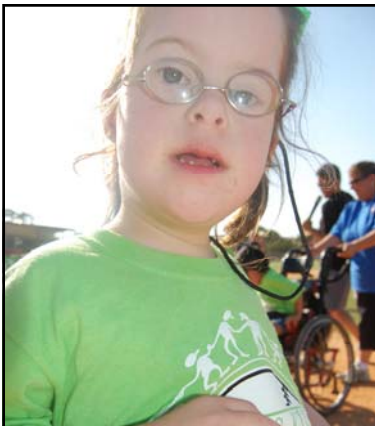
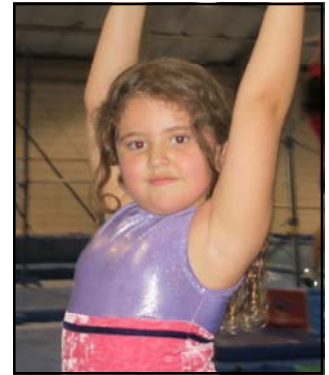
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