



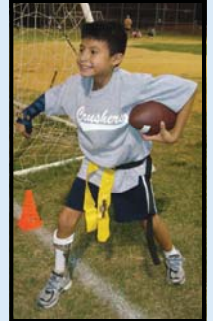
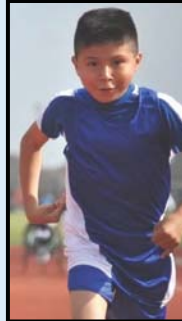
# Kinetic Kids

Winter 2011

Sport and Recreation for All Abilities.

Brought to you by Kinetic Kids, Inc.  
A non-profit organization providing sports and recreation  
activities for children with special needs

## Kinetic Kids Spotlight Star of the Season



We were filled with excitement when our bundle of joy, Arturo came into this world 10 years ago. Shortly after birth however, he experienced complications with his kidneys and later suffered a stroke. Our world as we anticipated it, had changed...

We put Arturo in God's hands and took it day by day. It has been a curvy road in which we didn't know what to expect next, but have enjoyed each curve and would not change anything. About two years ago we found out about Kinetic Kids from a Try It Before You Buy It event flyer. Since then, Arturo has participated in swimming, track & field, basketball, tennis, outdoor explorer and flag football and has enjoyed every single program. This past summer, he was given the opportunity to participate at the Endeavor Games where we saw a shy boy become a confident young man. Arturo is also participating with a club from our church Alamo City Adventures in which, thanks to Kinetic Kids Swimming program, he earned Swimmer I Honor that he proudly wears on his sash.

Every time a program finishes Arturo is anxious to know when the next will start again to see everyone. He likes to share special treats with Kinetic Kids staff, volunteers and friends to let them know that he appreciates them. Thanks to KINETIC KIDS Arturo now has a phrase: I CAN DO IT. From the bottom of our heart thank you Kinetic Kids staff and volunteers for giving kids with disabilities the opportunity to believe.

*With a loving heart, Arturo Liendo, Jr. and family*

### A Huge



to  
**Methodist  
Healthcare  
System  
for  
Printing our  
Winter  
Newsletter!**

### SAVE THE DATE

for  
**Kinetic Kids 7th annual  
Try it Before You Buy It Event**

**2/21/2011**  
(President's Day)

**3pm - 7pm**

at

**University United Methodist Church**  
5084 De Zavala Rd San Antonio, 78249



The Try It Before You Buy It Event provides families, professionals, and those affiliated with the special needs community an opportunity to view and try out a variety of medical equipment & learn about services available for children with special needs in the San Antonio area. Equipment available includes wheelchairs, walkers, tricycles, toys, orthotics, and more! This event is FREE to the public so come on out and take advantage of this unique opportunity!



FOR MORE DETAILS: Visit [www.kinetickidstx.org](http://www.kinetickidstx.org)  
or contact Natalie Henry: Email [Natalie@kinetickidstx.org](mailto:Natalie@kinetickidstx.org) or call 210-621-3141



**KINETIC KIDS'  
7TH ANNUAL HOOTENANNY  
WAS A BOOT SCOOTIN' SUCCESS!**



On November 11, 2010, hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls grabbed their boots, chaps and cowboy hats for the Kinetic Kids 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hootenanny! A jam packed Pearl Stable hosted a fabulous dinner by the RK Group, dancing to the tunes of Mario Flores & the Soda Creek Band and an amazing performance from the Kinetic Kids Dance performance team. Excitement filled the air as WOAI Sport Director Don Harris worked the crowd to make sure everyone was having a boot scootin' grand ol' time! During the beautiful fall evening, Hoot guests could be seen dining on a wonderful candle lit dinner, cuttin' a rug on the dance floor, listening to some of our wonderful Kinetic Kids speak, and out bidding each other on HUGE silent and live auction items. This year's event boasted over 100 incredible auction items including amazing vacations, Spurs tickets, jewelry, fine dining and themed baskets graciously donated by our Kinetic Kids summer & fall program participants. This year also featured *Salute OUR Stars*, an incredible moment in the evening where Honorary Chairman Gordon Hartman, 2009's Honorary Chairman Harvey Najim and Kinetic Kids supporters raised over \$85,000!! It was not only a magnificent and fun evening, but a huge help in raising funds for future Kinetic Kids programs. With the help of auctioneer T-bone, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$200,000 for Kinetic Kids programs, making it the most successful Hootenanny yet!! All proceeds from the event directly support classes for children with special needs. Because of the success of the event, Kinetic Kids will be able to continue to offer and expand its sports and recreation programs. Thank you to all who attended! Stay tuned for dates and information for our 2011 Hootenanny. You will not want to miss it!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2010 HOOTENANNY STAR SPONSORS**



**★ STAR OF TEXAS ★  
Rackspace Hosting**

**★ WISH UPON A STARS ★**

Lew & Laura Moorman  
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In Honor Of Caroline Blecher  
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Prescott's Orthotics & Prosthetics  
Pro-Vigil, Inc.  
Texas Medical & Sleep Specialists  
The Neal family  
Tifini Furst  
Valero Texas Open

**★ SUPER STARS ★**

Dr. Joan Dreher

Lifespan Home Health

SWBC



## Get "CONNECTED" with Kinetic Kids!

Kinetic Kids has a "specialized" group of volunteers called **KK CONNECTIONS**.

**KK CONNECTIONS** volunteers are comprised mostly of parents that want to give back to Kinetic Kids and also includes men and women from the community who love our cause and who want to help! **KK CONNECTIONS** crew will have the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of areas of service to help our organization. There are so many ways **YOU** can "**GET CONNECTED**":



### Want more information?

Natalie Henry will be your contact person. She can be reached at [natalie@kinetickidstx.org](mailto:natalie@kinetickidstx.org) or call 210-621-3141.



Kinetic Kids would like to say **THANK YOU** to the mothers & daughters of the National Charity League San Antonio Rose chapter for their acts of service with Kinetic Kids in 2010! We especially would like to thank one of it's members: Iris Wigodsky for choosing Kinetic Kids for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project! We thank you Iris for donating your time & talent to such a worthy cause!



## Look what I can do now!



My name is Ann-Carolin, and I am 9 years old. When I was little, I was afraid of water. I was so afraid of it, my parents could not bathe me. I only ever took showers. When I was 6 years old my parents enrolled me with Kinetic Kids to learn how to swim. At first I was very scared. You see: I cannot hear anything without my hearing aids, but my hearing aids break in water! The teachers and helpers of Kinetic Kids have been wonderful. They make me feel safe in the water. Now I love to swim!!!! I have learned a lot in the last 3 years: breast stroke, back stroke, and front crawl. Right now I am practicing to dive without holding my nose. Thank you Kinetic Kids!

My name is Toby and I am 5 years old. In Fall 2010 I played t-ball for the first time with Kinetic Kids. Thanks to Kinetic Kids staff and volunteers I gained confidence, strength and endurance that my parents didn't know I had. I practiced my push-ups at home so I could get stronger for t-ball. At the beginning of the season I was using a walker and now I have moved on to arm crutches. Thank you Kinetic Kids for believing in me!



# CHECK IT OUT!!

## Kinetic Kids' structure for programming in 2011

Program Directors will place each child/teen in the division most appropriate to strive for the most successful participation & performance.

**START  
HERE**

Is your child under 5  
years of age?

If NO,

If YES,

**YOU ARE IN THE  
PARENT & ME  
DIVISION**

**Parent & Me:** Children 4 & under with special needs who are unable to participate in mainstream sports & recreational programs due to a limitation related to their diagnosis.

Does your child / teen  
need extra attention due  
to behavioral or sensory  
disorders?

If your child / teen needs  
assistance because of a  
physical disability, follow  
the no command.

Does your child / teen need help  
following directions and staying in line  
during a group activity?

If NO to any  
of the above  
questions

**YOU ARE IN THE  
ALLSTAR  
DIVISION**

Are you an Allstar 9 years  
or older & have  
physical disability?

YES, and I walk  
independently.

**YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR  
Division P**

YES, and I use  
a walker or  
wheelchair.

**YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR  
Division W**

If YES to any of  
the above,

**YOU ARE IN THE  
CHAMPION  
DIVISION**

**Champion Division:** Children 5 & older who need assistance following directions, staying in line in a group setting, &/or needs extra attention due to behavior or sensory disorders. Examples of common diagnoses: autism, down syndrome, pervasive developmental disorders

Are you an Allstar  
11 years or older?

If YES,

**YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR  
Division T**

**Allstar Division:** Children 5 & older who can follow directions in a group setting & unable to participate in mainstream programs due to a limitation related to their diagnosis. A physical disability may be their primary diagnosis. Examples of common diagnoses: Cerebral palsy, Asperger's, Spina bifida, developmental delays, traumatic brain injuries, down syndrome

**Division P** Allstars 9 years & older with a physical disability that walk independently without an assistive device. Children with neurological involvement, ie: Increased tone or balance disorders and or orthopedic involvement, ie: amputees, congenital malformations. Children that are limited in competition due to physical impairments not cognitive impairments. Examples of common diagnoses: hemiplegia, stroke, mild cerebral palsy, L4, L5 spina bifida, amputees, muscular dystrophy

**Division W** Allstars 9 years & older who are walker ambulators or use wheelchairs as primary means of mobility. Child must be able to self propel 200' in their wheelchair to safely participate in this division. Common diagnoses: Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Paraplegia, amputees

**Division T** Allstars 11 years & older with physical, developmental, or cognitive disorders that are able to perform sport activities without 1-on-1 volunteer support.



*Meet Michelle Fuentes, PT*

A man and a woman are kneeling on grass outdoors, smiling at the camera. They are holding a Boxer dog between them. The man is wearing a blue polo shirt and jeans, and the woman is wearing a white tank top and jeans. The dog is wearing a red collar. The background shows trees and foliage. The photo is tilted and has a decorative blue border.

***Good news! Kinetic Kids is now a member of the Paralympic Sport Club network for 2011! The goal of becoming a PSC is to help train athletes with physical disabilities to compete in more events in San Antonio and state wide! These activities will be implemented as funding permits, but we hope to get it rolling as 2011 progresses. If you would like to be Included in our Paralympic Sport Club communications, please call Kacey at 748-5866.***



# Kinetic Kids Board of Directors Corner:

## 2011 Board of Directors

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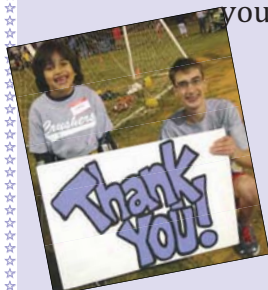
Kinetic Kids is pleased to welcome Dennis Noll as the President-Elect of the Board of Directors. Dennis joined the Board in 2009 and is familiar with acting as a leader for many organizations. He retired from Kinetic Concepts, Inc. in January 2007, where he served in a variety of capacities, including Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Prior to his service with KCI, Noll was a shareholder of Cox Smith, where he chaired the Corporate and Securities Department. He has also shared his time, talent and treasure with many nonprofit groups in San Antonio and abroad, including the Children's Shelter, Haven for Hope, and the Miracle Foundation, where he helped raise funds to build a 120-child orphanage in India.

When asked about why he became involved with Kinetic Kids Dennis replied, "I am very excited about the role that Kinetic Kids plays in our community. In essence, we believe that it is our job to make sure that all children in San Antonio have a chance to participate in sports, music and the arts regardless of their abilities or disabilities. With the help of our many supporters, we hope to continue to increase the number of children we serve in 2011 and beyond." You can help Kinetic Kids ensure the joy of childhood to special needs children in San Antonio by making a year-end gift in the enclosed envelope. On behalf of Kinetic Kids, we thank you for your continued support!



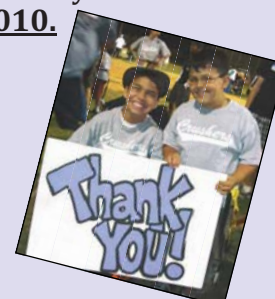
## Thank you for making dreams come true!

Our goals and dreams for enriching the lives of children with disabilities is made possible from our generous supporters. We are able to achieve such great results because of people like you. Thank you for the generous gifts received **July 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010.**



### Commissioner: \$10,000 and up

Faye L. And William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation-Broadway Bank  
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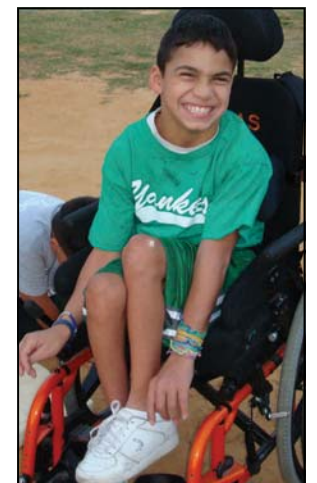
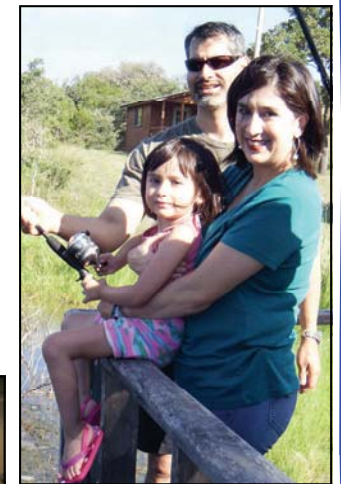
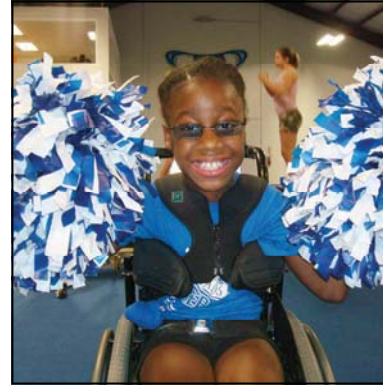
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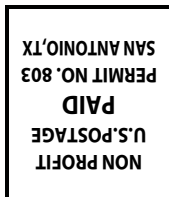
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# Kinetic Kids Photo Gallery





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### A very special "Hoot Salute"

Our goals and dreams for enriching the lives of children with disabilities is made possible from our generous donors and supporters throughout the year. A special HOOT SALUTE to all **2010 Hootenanny Salute Our Stars Donors!**

Thanks to each of you for helping raise over \$85,000 for Kinetic Kids programs!

#### **\$10,000**

Mark & Barbara Kirchner  
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#### **\$5,000**

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