

Winter 2015 newsletter



SAVE THE DATE



8AM SATURDAY
JANUARY 23

**Wheatley Heights
Sports Complex**

200 Noblewood Dr (near AT&T Center)

RACE PERKS

- Wheelchair-accessible 1-mile course
- Chip-timed 5K and 10K courses
- Rain or shine
- Tek T-shirt for participants
- FREE Magnolia House pancakes
- Runner goodie bags

REGISTRATION

- 1-Mile Course - \$15
- 5K Course - \$25
- 10K Course - \$35
- Children - \$15
- Kinetic Kids - FREE
- Fees increase \$5 January 20



SCAN TO REGISTER

QUESTIONS?

Race Director Sheryl Cruz
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REGISTER: www.kinetickidstx.org

Try It Before You Buy It You'll be glad you did!



Our *Try It Before You Buy It* event is a one-stop location for durable medical equipment, service providers, and community resources geared toward the pediatric special needs population. For the 12th year, Kinetic Kids will host this free informative event which will be held Saturday, April 23 at University United Methodist Church on DeZavala Road.

National and local companies and organizations will be on hand. Our Kinetic Kids participants will showcase their talent and everyone is welcome to join in the popular 'Fiesta Parade on Wheels'. Save the date and pass it on to other families or businesses who might be interested in participating. Questions? Contact Natalie@kinetickidstx.org.

Birdies for Charity \$10,000 Challenge

Since 2005, Kinetic Kids has raised \$104,578 through Valero Texas Open's "Birdies for Charity" program. In its 93rd year, the golf tournament will be held at AT&T Oaks Course from April 18-24.

Help us reach our \$10,000 goal:

- Make a donation or pledge an amount for each "birdie" (one stroke under par for a hole). There were 2,103 birdies in 2015, so a \$0.01 pledge equaled a \$21.03 donation.
- One lucky donor who guesses the correct number of "birdies" will win a three-night stay at JW Marriott, two rounds of golf, spa treatments and breakfast for two!
- Kinetic Kids' participants will win prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for donations they collect. Hint: Use social media to connect with donors!
- Tournament spectators who make donations can register to win a two-year lease on a new Ford Mustang.

Your donations go directly to Kinetic Kids and 7% of the funds are matched by the Texas Open with incentive prizes to earn even more money. The fun has already started, so go to www.kinetickidstx.org or scan the QR code to donate.

**Deadline to donate is
April 19, 2016.**



HOOTENANNY BETTER THAN EVER!

This year's 12th annual Hootenanny gala evening on September 18th at Pearl Stable was a sell-out success! A record \$268,250 was raised to benefit Kinetic Kids' 135 sports and recreation programs. The Greehey Family Foundation served as Presenting Sponsor for the evening while Peggy Neal, a Kinetic Kid mom and former Board of Directors President, served as Honorary Chair.

Kinetic Kids' diving coach, Alyse Canciello, inspired the audience with her story of coming back from a traumatic brain injury at 16 to being a 'torch lighter' and coach for kids with special needs—there wasn't a dry eye in the room!

Bill Taylor, KENS TV chief meteorologist, entertained the crowd as emcee throughout the evening as guests bid on over 100 silent and live auction items and enjoyed a complimentary open bar generously stocked by Cinco Vodka, Republic Distributing Company and Glazers.

At the night's end, co-executive directors and dynamic duo, Kacey Wernli and Tracey Fontenot, were elated with the record amount raised to continue Kinetic Kids' good work on behalf of over 2,000 kids with special needs in the San Antonio community.



JUST ANOTHER DAY for a not-so-average teen

High schooler, Sabrina Epstein, isn't your average teenager. At the tender age of 17, she founded Artful Start because she was driven by a passion to build a better world for children with disabilities. Her journey began volunteering at a sleepaway camp for kids with disabilities and grew into a nonprofit that runs family art days specifically tailored for children with special needs. This fall, Sabrina partnered with Kinetic Kids to host two art days with 'masterpiece' results! Consisting of six activity stations, the encouraging, engaging environment is designed to help budding artists thrive.

Sabrina began Artful Start with a grant from The ANNpower Vital Voices Initiative, a partnership between ANN INC., parent company of Ann Taylor and LOFT, and Vital Voices. The 'Initiative' works to empower young women with the leadership skills they need to affect global progress, invest in their communities and begin their journeys as the next generation of leaders and, in their own way, pay it forward.

Kinetic Kids is proud of Sabrina's passion and looks forward to future collaborations with this not-so-average teenager!

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