

KULLEN KEEPS KICKIN'

SAFELY-DISTANCED & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS PROVIDE OUTLET

Kullen Flores-Medrano is thrilled to be back in the pool and he's not letting his inability to wear goggles interfere with his love for the water! The suction created by the goggles creates a sensory issue for Kullen, but he still needs to wear a visual aid to see clearly. At Kinetic Kids, that isn't a problem! Kullen splashes every chance he gets with his friends at Kinetic Kids.

Kullen's journey with Kinetic Kids began at age four after his mom, Stephanie, realized he was having a hard time fitting in at a local community program. "Kullen's autism gives him some different quirks and mannerisms. He couldn't tell at the time, but as parents, we could tell when the other kids weren't interacting with him," explained Stephanie. "We noticed when he wasn't given an opportunity to participate. Instead of building up my child, they focused on others who knew the



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sport or didn't need extra help." When Stephanie hears stories like Kullen's she now tells other parents, "Don't be like me and wait so long."

Now ten years old, social interaction is very important to Kullen. While Kullen was staying active as a frequent visitor during our Stay Strong virtual programming Zoom calls, Stephanie knew Kullen still needed the personal connections and friendships. So when socially-distanced, in-person programs launched in May, she signed him up for his favorite—golf!

Kullen's biggest concern about

returning was simple, "I wonder who my buddy is going to be?!" Though he loves partnering with his very own volunteer in the Allstars division, Kinetic Kids is currently asking families to provide a "buddy" in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Kullen wasn't thrilled to learn his mom would be his buddy, but Stephanie says the fact that he is missing meeting a new person is exactly the reason why they love Kinetic Kids, "It goes way beyond the sports. It's a community. It gives us the opportunity to come together like a little family where we build each other up."

WE'VE GOT THE COMPETITIVE EDGE



Ready to commit to a regular practice schedule, a fun competition season, and a dynamic team? San Antonio Premier division is designed for athletes with physical and/or intellectual disabilities who are able to function in a group setting, consistently follow directions from sports-specific coaches without parent or volunteer involvement. Sports include: Basketball, CrossFit, Cheer, Dance, Dive, Gymnastics, Soccer and Swim.

WE ARE ALWAYS RECRUITING NEW ATHLETES!

Learn more by visiting our website at www.kinetickidstx.org/saxtreme or www.kinetickidstx.org/sapremier. Or contact Adaptive Sports Director Jenna Malsbury to determine if your child qualifies! jenna@kinetickidstx.org or 561.797.7041



SA Xtreme is a sport division of Kinetic Kids designed for athletes specifically with physical disabilities who are working towards competing in regional and national Paralympic competitions. Sport-specific coaches work with each team to help athletes adapt equipment based on their physical needs and enhance their skills and understanding of their sport. Sports include: Wheelchair Basketball, Swim, Track & Field, Tennis and Archery.

SAVE THE DATE



GINGERBREAD EVENT

SAT, DEC 5 | 10a-12p

**Hills'n'Dales Neighborhood Pavilion
7530 Shady Hollow Ln 78255**

Kinetic Kids families are invited to join us for a safely-distanced event in an outdoor venue! In addition to making your very own gingerbread house, there is a visit planned from the merry old fellow himself and hot chocolate to warm your spirits! Register at www.kinetickidstx.org.



GOLF FUNDRAISER

MON, MARCH 29

Dominion Country Club

We are excited to welcome golfers to our second-annual charity tournament. Visit www.kinetickidstx.org/golfbenefit to learn more!

Interested in sponsoring the event? Contact Isabel Jones
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HOOT@HOME

WE WELCOMED GUESTS IN THEIR OWN HOMES FOR 2020 GALA!

The venue changed, but so many things remained the same, especially our results! Thanks to presenting sponsor **Donnell Ranches**, sixteen event sponsors, generous donations of over 200 items for our silent auction, the 400 people who bid on our auction and donated, our first-ever virtual gala was a smashing success, raising over **\$240,000!**



Even without being together, dressed up in our boots and bling, our community stepped up in ways we could not have imagined. Our Kinetic Kids, staff, volunteers and parents appreciate the energy everyone brought to this new format. While we hope we don't have to do it again, we now know that we aren't the only ones who can adapt when it is necessary!





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DONATIONS

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KEEP OUR KIDS KINETIC

Healthy lifestyles, physical exercise and social interaction are critical for children with special needs. For almost twenty years, Kinetic Kids has been committed to serving children with intellectual and physical dis(abilities) by offering programs that are safe and adapted to their skill levels. Here are six ways you can help secure the future of Kinetic Kids and ensure the children we serve have the opportunity to stay healthy! If you have any questions, please contact Isabel Jones at 210.371.3323 or isabel@kinetickidstx.org.



END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift!



RECURRING GIFTS

Monthly giving is easy to set-up! Visit www.kinetickidstx.org to learn more.



GIVING TUESDAY

Join the national movement with a gift to Kinetic Kids on Tuesday, December 1.



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