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Our Mission

"To help persons with physical challenges gain independence through a learning experience in adaptive outdoor adventures and sporting programs"

RISE Above and Beyond is a monthly publication provided by RISE Adventures, Inc. This publication will be sent out on the 15th of each month. If you have any pictures, articles, events or fundraisers you would like us to publish, please submit them to [Joel Hendrix](#) by the the 10th day of the month. Any information obtained after this date will be published in the following issue.

Our Sponsors



To become a sponsor and

thank everyone involved with RISE Adventures for this wonderful experience. Our mission is being accomplished and 2008 will be enhanced with more programs, partnerships, and sponsors. We have set a large goal for participation in our programs next year.

It is not too late to make a tax deductible donation to RISE, only if you can afford it. It is the end of the year and 100% of all donations will go to program expense. You can go online to Personal Donations for more information. Please access the following link to make a personal donation - [Personal Donations](#).

We made it through 2007 without paying one cent to salaries. That is an unbelievable accomplishment for a non profit organization. Joel Hendrix and I contributed over 4300 volunteer hours combined with an additional 1200 plus additional TEAM RISE Volunteer hours. The grant value of all of our hard work will be \$103,235.00 for 2007. Thank you for all of your time and effort.

As we continue to grow it is time to look back at 2007. I would like to recognize those that have excelled in making this dream possible. Next year we will have a committee decide on these awards and a gala to recognize their valuable contributions. So many have been involved and we truly appreciate your dedication to our mission. We will also have a participant evaluation program in place to hand out numerous awards for those that participate in RISE programs.

2007 "Sponsor of the Year"

- 1- Gene Gray, Jr. (personal)
- 2- Joel W. Hendrix (personal)
- 3- SCFW (foundation)

2007 "Program Support of the Year"

- 1- Michael McMahon/ Big D Cats
- 2- Matt Meadows/ Sail Dallas
- 3- Gene Gray, Sr. (personal)

2007 "Collaborator of the Year"

- 1- Lea Stewart/ Baylor SCI
- 2- Curt Simonds/ Allumed Medical
- 3- JT/ Dallas Junior Wheelchair Mavericks

2007 "Volunteer of the Year"

- 1- Joel W. Hendrix
- 2- Richard Lovett
- 3- Tod Robberson

2007 "Volunteer RISE Staff of the Year"

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the following link...

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December Birthdays

Kaylee Anderson
Delicia Ransom
Brittany Henry
Mark Evans
Rick Cox
Dakota Smoot
Angela McHugh
Lauren Taylor
Eddie Burnley
Karen Clark
Linda Arnold
Trey Yost
Vickie Krouse

Resources

RISE Adventures
Adaptive Adventures
Adaptive Information Resource
Adaptive Water Sports
Allumed
Big D Cats
BlazeSports
BlueSky Designs
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Dallas Junior
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Disabled Sports USA
IFDS
Lift-Aids
Lone Star PVA
JobEnable
National Accessibility Center
NCPAD
NCPAD Organizations
Neuro Fitness Foundation
Partners Resource Network
POWER
Sail Dallas

- 1- Joel R. Hendrix
- 2- Jackie Bartels
- 3- Rick Brauer

2007 "Special Contributor of the Year"

- 1- Abu Yilla, Jr.
- 2- Curt Simonds
- 2- Henk Kool

A special THANK YOU goes out to all that have given your continued support and those that have participated in our programs. Without you, there would not be a RISE Adventures. Have a very safe and happy holiday season. May the New Year bring you wellness and prosperity!

Paul Gray/CEO/RISE Adventures, Inc.

A look back at RISE Highlights in 2007

March

- RISE Adventures, Inc. is founded.
- Website is built.

April

- Teamed with Sail Dallas, Matt Meadows, to form Sailing Program
- Formed relationship with Mariner Sails for Kayaking Program.
- Volunteered as the Easter Bunny at the Spina Bifida Easter Egg Hunt.
- TEAM RISE Volunteers are formed.

May

- RISE Sailing and Kayaking Programs begin weekly outings.
- Volunteer Support for the Baylor/SCI Handcycle Clinic at Bishop Lynch High School.
- Sail and Ski Day at Lewisville Lake.
- First TEAM RISE t-shirts are printed.

June

- First major event, "Sailing in Style".
- Volunteer support at Scottish Rite Hospital for Summer Camp, bus loading and unloading.

July

- "Above and Beyond", first monthly e-newsletter
- RISE Handcycling Program begins every other week.
- RISE Camping, Fishing, and Hunting Programs for children are formed.
- RISE Photography Program is formed.
- TEAM RISE competed in the SBANT Bowl-a-thon.

**Special Care & Career
Services
Spinal Cord Injury
Information Network
Texas Parks & Wildlife
UCO Wellness Center
Y.O.Ranch**

- RISE Health and Fitness is formed.
 - Attended NFF Committee Meeting at Parkland Hospital
- August
- Attended Cerebral Palsy Elvis Fun Run with Jackie Bartels
 - First RISE brochures printed
 - Presented RISE Programs to Dallas Junior Wheelchair Mav's
 - Received Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) approval retroactive to March 22, 2007.
 - Formed Committee to plan and implement largest event of the year, "End of Summer Bash 2007"
 - RISE Apparel and Things is established.
- September
- "RISE Adventures and Emerald City" Fundraiser aboard Chamonix II.
 - End of Summer Bash 2007, major event on Lake Lewisville.
 - RISE Hunting sent a group of children to the YO Ranch.
 - RISE Camping held its first campout.
 - RISE Advocacy and Seasonal Programs are formed.
 - REACH Board of Directors Presentation
 - Received donated equipment to refurbish and help those in need.
- October
- RISE Photography Program begins at the Dallas Arboretum
 - Camp Craig Allen Fundraiser at Bass Pro Shops
 - RISE Seasonal Program begins with the "Halloween Party at the Dallas Scare Grounds"
 - RISE Advocacy Program begins activities.
 - "Walk in my Shoes" activity at PepsiCo Corporate Headquarters
 - "EnAble" activity at Frito-Lay Corporate Headquarters
 - Cook Children's Medical Center presentation
 - "Spina-Bifida Autumn Fest" presentation
- November
- "NTATRA' presentation at the Scottish Rite Hospital
 - "Amputee Day" at the Scottish Rite Hospital
 - RISE Board of Directors is formed
 - TEAM RISE Volunteer Directors are selected
 - "ABC/RISE Invitational" basketball tournament
 - Ambuc's presentation for partnership.
- December
- First RISE Board of Directors Meeting
 - Attended Spina-Bifida Christmas Celebration
 - Dallas Junior Mavericks Basketball Tournament
 - RISE Seasonal Program accepts gifts for Scottish Rite children
 - Received Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

RISE Media Exposure in 2007

To see the videos and read the press access the following links.

June 24, 2007 CBS 11 News at 5 - "Sailing in Style"

June 24, 2007 CBS 11 News at 10 - "Sailing in Style"

June 21, 2007 Dallas Morning News - "Tip of the Week"

June 25, 2007 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

June 25, 2007 Northeast Tarrant Star-Telegram

June 27, 2007 Terrell Tribune

July 5, 2007 Forney Messenger

August 17, 2007 Jackie Bartels on CBS 11 News at 6am

Letter from the Program Director



In this holiday season and as another year comes to a close, it is also a time of reflection... I have had a number of positive experiences associated with my position with RISE. I went back and read the Sign In log on our website from the many people I have come to know and their thoughts on the RISE experience.

Recently I met with Mickie Duncan, a paraplegic that has helped me in a number of ways. He told me a heart felt story about his two daughters who he has not spoken with in many years. They recently recognized him as the great man he is. He thanked me for helping put his family back together. Although my role was small, he continued to thank me for making this holiday season special and many more to come. I have always recognized Mickie for his contributions and the great person he is but this was a special moment I will never forget. Thank you Mickie for being a part of my life...

Rick Brauer, also a paraplegic, provided great memories too. After meeting him at the Cerebral Palsy Fun Run he has been a major part of RISE. His wife was going through cancer treatment and he has two grown children at home. He has a full time job but really wasn't doing a lot outside of work. Once he got involved with RISE he has experienced every program we have done this year. He told me many times he felt guilty for all that RISE has done for him and he continually asked what he could do for RISE to pay us back. He couldn't believe we worked so hard at providing numerous programs and expected nothing in return. Well, he finally got what he asked for. He is now my Assistant Program Director. Rick is a valuable part of the RISE success story; he finally even broke down and got a cell phone just so we could communicate better. It is my honor to have Rick in my life and the RISE family...

I have a lot of those memories from my work with RISE in 2007. I am looking forward to more special moments in 2008 as we continue to move forward to accomplish our mission.

If you have any special words you would like to say, please access the following link and let us know, RISE Guestbook.

Joel Hendrix/RISE Program Director

Christmas Giving Program



RISE Adventures

Christmas Giving Program

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

"Patient Needs for Christmas"

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time of celebration and giving. RISE Adventures is reaching out to all of our members to help the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in their efforts to provide gifts for those in need.

The unwrapped gifts can be picked up by a TEAM RISE Volunteer or dropped off at:



Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
2222 Welborn Street
Dallas, Texas 75219



If you would like us to pick them up, please contact Joel Hendrix at:
jhendrix@riseadventures.org or 469.762.5075.
www.riseadventures.org



Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children



Please help us, in the joyous season, by making this Christmas special for those less fortunate.



[To view the list of gifts accepted click here.](#)

ABC/RISE Basketball Invitational
November 17-18, 2007

The Basketball Invitational had a great turn out. The players had a wonderful yet competitive time and everyone else enjoyed the entertainment.

The final match of the tournament featured the 8th ranked San Antonio Spurs with David Gonzales who averaged 26.3 PPG in the previous three matches, and the 1st ranked Dallas (ABC) Mavericks, the D2 defending national champions. San Antonio was impressive early, leading 6-0. By the half Dallas had moved ahead 35-29. The second half began poorly for San Antonio and then worsened. Dallas had four players in double figure scoring, Nelms 17, Welch 16, Nickleberry 15, and Dannelley 12. Chuck Allen contributed 9 to the balanced attack. Sadly, only Brown of San Antonio reached the mark with 10. David Gonzales managed 9 and McGuire added 8 to Spurs' effort.

A special thanks goes out to the RISE volunteers who assisted with all players needs during the tournament.



The scores and records from the tournament can be found by accessing the following link,
www.riseadventures.org/basketballinvitational07.htm.



Upcoming Events

February 2-3, 2008
ABC/RISE Southwest Conference Junior Division Championships

February 22-23, 2008
2008 ABC NWBA RISE Tournament of Champions

RISE Programs

The outdoor programs will resume in March 2008. A full schedule of programs will be displayed in the January e-newsletter and the RISE website.

January Activities

January 14 (11am-1pm) - MLK Diversity Showcase at PepsiCo
January 16 (9am-11am) - RISE Advocacy at Therapy 2000
January 17 (3pm-4pm) - SCI meeting at BIR

TEAM RISE Volunteers

We will need a large number volunteers for the basketball tournaments coming up in February. Please let me know if you are available and I will follow-up with more details as soon I receive them.

As RISE Adventures continues to grow we continue to need quality volunteers. We are adding new volunteers daily but with all of the programs and activities we can always use more. If you are interested in volunteering please go to our website and Join Us.

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