

“If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes much more than that to raise a child with a disability.” BR

REMOVING THE BARRIERS

Making a difference in the lives of families living with disabilities by removing the barriers to great experiences.

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So Far This Year

Yes, the pandemic continues to slow things down, but we still keep going.

We took a big canoe to Lake Worth for the Access Life Expo in February. We wrote for and received grants from FWC Foundation for both Lake Aurora and Tri-State camps for archery and conservation programs. We participated in Special Touch Ministries' Day Camp in Brandon. We traveled to Georgia to begin the process of establishing a program in the Valley region of AL/GA. We began the process of connecting programs with Nathaniel's Hope. We again provided adaptive services for the Mayfaire by the Lake Art Festival. We work every week on the creation of StirringWaters at Lake Aurora. We revamped our web presence with new domain names and fresh websites. We supported Jill's Incredible Journey on the AT. We continued on the Board of Florida Disabled Outdoors Association. We helped the Webber International University's Men's Soccer Team and they are going to help with a Big Kahuna Paddle Challenge to raise money for StirringWaters. And we did much, much more.

Helping people with disabilities “off the deck and into the FUN” remains at the heart of what we do. We are helping Jesus followers to become a dynamic force



and blessing for the more than half million people in Florida, and more than 100 million in the whole Country who are directly impacted by disabilities. We hope you will want to be involved. Here are some ways: 1. Be a SW Ambassador in your church. 2. Encourage your church to designate just one Sunday where they will encourage members to give a special offering for StirringWaters. 3. Be a BUDDY by being a regular donor to the project – consistent donations really add up over time. 4. Offer to sponsor and activity at one of the many special needs events we help each year. 5. Do you have a golf car or utility vehicle you would donate for us to use in our special camps for people with disabilities? We help camps from south Florida to North Carolina. 6. Go to our websites or contact us for other ways you can make a difference.

Meet Alyssa (Aly)

Aly Beamer is our first ever Intern with the official title of Initiative Specialist Intern. Aly is a Junior at Candlelight Christian Academy and also a student at Polk State College. She lives in Lake Wales and is active in Christ Church on the Move. Yes, she is a lover of all things Lake Aurora.



Aly began helping with RTBI at the age of 12 by volunteering with our program of giving families living with disabilities Big Canoe Paddle Experiences and traveling to various events around the State where she became a great advocate to remove barriers to great experiences.

She is a hard and fast worker and you may likely be getting a call from her. You can email her at aly@removingthebarriers.org

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