
Adventure is for Everyone: Launching Our Boldest Year Yet!

Hello February, RTBI Family!

Last month, we shared our big dreams for 2026. This month, we're talking about what makes those dreams possible: **Connection**. At RTBI, we believe that true inclusion isn't just about ramps and quiet rooms—it's about the heartbeat of a community that says, 'You belong here'.

In this issue, we're highlighting how our church and community partnerships are moving beyond 'accessibility' and toward true 'belonging.' From sensory-friendly spaces to mobility breakthroughs, see how we're making 2026 a year of unconditional invitation.

The Power of the Wheel: Join the Movement

First and foremost, a massive **Thank You** to our current Monthly Spokesperson Supporters! You are the steady rhythm that keeps our wheels turning.

Last month, we talked about how your \$25 monthly gift provides the stability RTBI needs to reach every corner of our community. This month, we're dreaming even bigger, and we're looking for a few **"Big Wheels"** to lead the way.

The "Big Wheel" Challenge

A wheel is only as strong as its spokes. We are looking for churches and community groups to "Step Up" and become an **RTBI Big Wheel**.

The Goal: Find **12 individuals** within your congregation or group to each commit to being a "Spoke" with a **\$25.00 monthly donation**.

12 Spokes = 1 Big Wheel.

The Impact: One "Big Wheel" provides **\$300 a month** in sustainable funding.

The Result: That's \$3,600 a year toward adaptive ski clinics, sensory-friendly festival kits, and barrier-free camp experiences.

When a church becomes a Big Wheel, they aren't just donating; they are building a bridge. They are ensuring that accessibility isn't a "one-time event," but a permanent part of our community's DNA.

Is your church ready to be a Big Wheel?

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Spokesperson



Click Here To Start
Your Big Wheel
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Expanding Our Reach: RTBI Joins the Disability Ministry Network

We are thrilled to announce that the Removing the Barriers Initiative has officially joined the **Disability Ministry Network (DMN)**!

By joining this national collective of denominational and para-church organizations, RTBI is now connected with leaders across the country who share our heart for inclusive congregational ministry. This partnership gives us access to a wealth of new resources, peer support, and proven strategies to help local churches move from "accessible" to truly "belonging."

What does this mean for you? As we challenge local churches to become "**Big Wheels**," membership in the DMN ensures we are bringing the very best tools and training to our community. We aren't just working harder; we're working smarter alongside a national family of advocates to ensure there is a seat at the table for everyone.

To learn more about the network, visit disabilityministrynetwork.org.

Community Spotlight: A Heartfelt Thanks to Dyer Auto



We are beyond honored to announce that **Removing the Barriers Initiative** has been recognized as a recipient of the **Dyer Difference Award**!

A huge thank you to the team at **Lake Wales Dyer Chevrolet and Kia** for choosing to invest in our vision. This award isn't just a trophy on a shelf; it is a powerful fuel source for our ongoing programming.

Why This Matters:

The **Dyer Difference** is all about making a local impact, and their generous gift is already being put to work. This funding ensures that we can continue providing:

Adaptive Sports Clinics: Keeping the gear maintained and the sessions free for families.

Sensory Inclusion Kits: Equipping local events to be welcoming for everyone.

Community Advocacy: Training local partners on how to truly "remove the barriers."

When local leaders like Dyer Auto step up, it reminds us that we aren't doing this alone. We are building a community where "access" is a shared value.



"We are so grateful to be recognized by a company that truly cares about the heartbeat of our town. Thank you, Dyer Auto, for helping us keep the wheels of inclusion turning!" — The RTBI Team

February in Action: Removing Barriers Across the Community

This month wasn't just about planning; it was about **doing**. Because of your support and the "Dyer Difference," we were able to show up for our neighbors in some incredible ways:

Dignity at Night to Shine

We were honored to support the **Night to Shine** prom. Beyond the glitz and glamour, RTBI focused on the essentials: **Dignity and Mobility**. * We provided **wheelchair-accessible golf carts** to ensure every guest arrived in style and comfort.

Thanks to a generous grant from **Joni and Friends**, we also provided an **adult changing table**, ensuring that personal care needs never stand in the way of a beautiful night out.

Inclusion at Lake Wales Mardi Gras

Who says accessibility can't be a blast? We brought the fun to the Children's Area at **Lake Wales Mardi Gras** by providing **Inflatable Axe Throwing**! It was a joy to see kids of all abilities hitting the bullseye and sharing in the festival spirit.

Partnership with Circle of Friends

We believe in the power of "better together." This month, RTBI provided dedicated **staff support for Circle of Friends Ministry**, helping to bolster their incredible work and ensure their programs continue to thrive.

Trailblazing at the Disney Wildlife Preserve

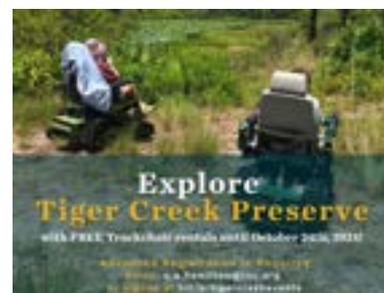
We teamed up with **The Nature Conservancy** for the *Long Leaf Blaze Trail Run*. Nature should be for everyone!

We provided **Sensory Supplies** to create a welcoming environment for neurodivergent participants.

Our **Track Chair** hit the trails, allowing athletes with mobility challenges to experience the beauty of the preserve alongside their peers.

Why Your "Spoke" Matters:

Every time a church becomes a **"Big Wheel"** or a supporter gives \$25, these are the stories you are writing. You are providing the golf carts, the changing tables, the



staff hours, and the track chairs that turn a "barrier" into a "bridge."

Tiger Creek

Preserve Track

Chair Reservation

A Final Thought: A Community for All of God's Children

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

At RTBI, we believe that "removing barriers" is a spiritual calling. When we provide a changing table for dignity or a track chair for a nature trail, we are declaring that **all of God's children** deserve to experience the fullness of His creation and the warmth of His community. Every "Spoke" in our wheel helps us protect that dignity and foster that joy.

Looking Ahead: March & Beyond!

While the spring breeze is just starting to blow, we are already thinking about the water! March is a month of preparation as we gear up for our spring "Buddy Paddles" and inclusive community events.

IMPORTANT: Summer is calling!



Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the **Second Annual RTBI Adaptive Water Ski Clinic** on **July 11th!**

Spots for this incredible experience are **strictly limited** to ensure every participant gets the specialized attention and safety support they deserve. Don't wait—if you or a loved one wants to feel the spray of the water and the thrill of the lake, secure your spot today!

Hurry! Space is Limited - [Click Here to Register for Adaptive Ski Clinic](#)

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