

RTBI Monthly: A Harvest of Gratitude and Growth

Happy June, RTBI Family!

Summer is officially in full swing, and around here, the momentum isn't slowing down for a second. June has been a month of overwhelming abundance, answered prayers, and incredible new friendships. When we look at the doors that have opened over the last few weeks - from major local grants to corporate partnerships - we are reminded that this community stands firmly behind the vision of inclusion. We are moving closer every day to a world where no one is left on the deck!

Celebrating Our June Grant Awards!

Our Mobile Calming Corner and Comfort Station project received two major competitive grants this month! These incredible organizations are locking arms with us to provide a safety net of dignity for families across our communities.

Airboaters for Autism Grant: A massive thank you to the Airboaters for Autism team! Your belief in our mission ensures that individuals with sensory sensitivities will have a safe place to retreat, reset, and refresh when community events get too loud.

Lake Wales Mardi Gras Grant: We love our hometown! A huge shout out to Lake Wales Mardi Gras for their incredible generosity. Your support is helping us finish the buildout so we can bring this mobile sanctuary straight to local celebrations.



**AIRBOATERS FOR
AUTISM AWARENESS**



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Mobile Sensory Room: A \$3,200 Miracle! We are at 96%!

The momentum from our June grants, combined with a literal miracle, has launched our **Mobile Calming Corner and Comfort Station trailer** right to the finish line:

The Lift is Complete & PAID IN FULL! Thanks to the incredible precision work over at **The Mobility Van Store** in Lakeland, the hydraulic wheelchair lift installation is officially complete! In a stunning display of generosity, **The Mobility Van Store marked our bill "PAID IN FULL"**—gifting us a massive savings! We are completely blown away by their heart for this mission. (Check out the videos below to see it in action!)



We are officially at 96% of our financial goal! Between that incredible gift from **The Mobility Van Store** and a couple of amazing **anonymous donors** who stepped up

with massive generosity this month, we have leaped all the way to the 96% mark. We can literally see the finish line!



THE *mobility* **Van**
STORE



New to the family? Here is what this trailer does: Big community events can be overwhelming for individuals with physical or sensory disabilities, and standard restrooms rarely meet their needs. This trailer is our mobile solution. One side features a **Calming Corner**—a quiet, sensory-safe space to reset when the world gets too loud. The other side is a **Mobile Comfort Station**—a private, sanitary space fully equipped with an adult-sized changing table and hand-washing station to handle hygiene needs with absolute dignity.

Help us close the final 4% just \$1,500! We are so close! We just need one final push to completely fund the exterior wrap and interior supplies. You can give a one-time gift to officially push us over the finish line or grab a few critical interior items off our Amazon Wishlist to fully stock the space for summer!

Help Us Cross the Finish Line

So We Can Hit the Road

Shop our Wish List - Help Us Stock

the Interior

Save the Date: StirringWaters Fundraiser Winter Haven Chain of Lake Paddle

Get your paddles ready! We are incredibly excited to announce that our next **StirringWaters** Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Paddle is officially set for October 31st on the beautiful Winter Haven Chain of Lakes!

What better way to spend Halloween morning than out on the water moving barriers for a great cause? Keep your eyes wide open for more details coming soon, but if you are interested in paddling and raising funds to change lives, we want you on our team!

We have five of our massive 29 foot Voyageur canoes to fill. Whether you want to gather a whole crew to fill a canoe or jump in as an individual paddler, let's make a massive splash together. Send us a message today if you want to claim your seat early!



Adaptive Water Ski Clinic: Full Capacity and Launching Soon!

Our upcoming Summer Adaptive Water Ski Clinic is officially booked to full capacity! The overwhelming response means a full roster of eager participants is ready to hit the lake.



Chek out this video from last year's clinic to see the pure joy of adaptive water skiing.

A Powerful Partnership: We are incredibly proud to partner with **Ann's Angels Adaptive Water Ski Foundation**, who is providing the specialized boats, equipment, and expert ski



instructors. RTBI is honored to serve as the host and underwriter, keeping this day Absolutely Free for every family. While Ann's Angels commands the water, our team is managing everything on land - providing accessible golf cart parking shuttles, track chairs for easy loading, and a community lunch for all participants and volunteers.



Help Us Underwrite the Day: Though the skier roster is full, we are still looking for sponsors to help cover these vital land-based hospitality and transit costs. A huge thank you to our newest clinic sponsors who have already stepped up to anchor this day:

Citizens Bank and Trust - We are proud to partner with a hometown institution dedicated to accessible local recreation.



All Landscape Needs - Thank you for investing in adaptive freedom and keeping our clinic moving forward!

Want to sponsor a family's lake day? Your business or family can step up to cover the lunches and beach transit that make this unforgettable day possible.

Sponsor

A Skier

Camp Spotlight: Sarah Soars at Lake Aurora!

Part of our mission in the summer is deploying our fleet of equipment to support specialized camps. Just recently, our friend Sarah attended the **Special Touch Camp** hosted at Lake Aurora Christian Camp.

Thanks to the accessibility of our specialized Track Chair and the phenomenal, servant-hearted teamwork of the **Lake Aurora** staff, Sarah didn't have to sit on the sidelines. She was able to confidently journey out to the course and experience the absolute adrenaline-pumping excitement of soaring straight down the zipline! **Her Smile Is Priceless** - This is what it looks like when a community comes together to eliminate boundaries.



Around the Community: Family Cafe and New Friends

We spent an incredible weekend in Orlando at **The Family Cafe' Disability Conference!** It was a beautiful, high-energy weekend of connection. We had the privilege of meeting so many fantastic new friends, catching up with familiar faces, and sharing the vision of RTBI and StirringWaters with thousands of families from all over the state. Welcome to everyone who signed up for our newsletter at the conference; we are so honored to have you in our circle!

Fueling the Mission: Peer-to-Peer Fundraising & The Big Wheel

As our summer calendar expands, so do our operational needs. Every track chair ride, camp deployment, and adaptive transit shuttle is provided at **no cost** to the families and ministries and communities we serve.

Are you running a 5K? Lace up for RTBI! If you are training for an upcoming race or cycling event, why not run on behalf of Removing the Barriers? We can help you set up

your own peer-to-peer page so friends can sponsor your miles. Reach out to get your campaign started!

Join the Big Wheel: Keep our wheels turning by joining our monthly partner family. You can fill a "Full Wheel" with friends (12 spokes) or jump in as an individual **"Spoke" for just \$25 a month.** (Be sure to check recurring on the donor form)

Can't commit to a monthly ongoing donation? It's OK! How about a one-time donation? Every single dollar helps keep us on the road serving our community.

Become a Spokesperson Today

Make a One-Time Donation Today

A Closing Thought for June

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

As we watch grants come in, local businesses step up, anonymous donors fuel our trailer, and our equipment unlock zipline dreams for campers like Sarah, we can't help but look at this verse with fresh eyes. God is making a way in the wilderness—and He is using *this* community to build the rivers. Thank you for being a part of the "new thing."

With Gratitude,
The RTBI Family

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