



RTBI Monthly: Big Milestones, October Momentum & Major Steps Ahead!

Happy August, RTBI Family!

It's hard to believe we are already heading into the busy fall season, but God is moving fast! From taking physical delivery of our wrapped trailer to filling up our October event calendar, momentum is building across every area of the ministry.

15 Years & A Fresh New Look!

As we celebrate **15 years** of serving families across our community, we decided it was time our logo reflected the true heart, energy, and joy of our mission!

Out with the old, plain text—and in with a vibrant new look that represents what RTBI is all about: **holding hands together, breaking down barriers, and bringing sunshine and great experiences to people and families living with disabilities.**



Thank you for standing arm-in-arm with us over the last 15 years. We can't wait to see where this next chapter takes us!

5th Annual StirringWaters Fundraising Paddle: October 31st

We recently had a fantastic StirringWaters planning meeting hosted by the Mancini family, and our **five Team Captains are actively filling their 29-foot Voyageur canoes!**

We are on a mission to break ground on StirringWaters in **early 2027**, and we still have open seats waiting to be filled. Are you ready to step up, row, and help us stir the waters on the beautiful Winter Haven Chain of Lakes this Halloween morning?

The Goal: 50 paddlers raising \$2,500 each to build StirringWaters.

Interested in claiming your seat or joining a team? Email us today and let's get you on the water!

Special Spotlight: Meet "Team Overcomers"!

One of our five Voyageur canoes represents the very heart of our mission: **Team Overcomers.**



**Click Below to Watch
Lila's Interview**



This incredible team is made up entirely of individuals living with an array of disabilities—including two full-time wheelchair users, a teammate who is legally blind, one with Down syndrome, and one with autism. They aren't just sitting on the sidelines; they are getting in the canoe, picking up paddles, and raising funds to break ground on StirringWaters!

Watch as Bill introduces Lila to the massive StirringWaters canoes and talks with her about the adventure ahead—paddling in the fundraiser now and looking forward to the day when StirringWaters is built and she can float the lazy river, too!

Just like everybody can participate, we want to ensure every Overcomer is fully supported in reaching their fundraising goal. Whether you give a one-time gift of any amount or set up a pledge, every dollar helps them cross their personal finish line!

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Leave Your Mark: Get Recognized at StirringWaters!

All gifts and pledges of \$1,000 or more will receive a special recognition Legacy Tile or custom element permanently featured at StirringWaters!

To make reaching this milestone simple and budget-friendly, we've launched a **10-Month Pledge Option** (\$100/month for 10 months) so you can lock in your recognition element over time without giving it all at once!

Whether given as a one-time gift or a 10-month pledge, your \$1,000+ support can be applied toward:

Sponsoring a Paddler: Put your support toward a member of **Team Overcomers** (or any paddler) to help cover their seat!

[Legacy Tile Recurring Donation](#)

Mobile Calming Corner & Comfort Station: Delivery Day!

We have massive news: **We have officially taken delivery of our Mobile Calming Corner trailer!** A huge shout-out to Allen with **Native Imagery** for his incredible workmanship on the custom exterior wrap—she looks absolutely beautiful and is ready to serve our community.

Simultaneously, our friends over at **Blest Signs** are currently designing the custom graphics for our **Comfort Station**. We are so excited to roll *both* of these specialized mobile units out to our upcoming fall events!

Two Ways You Can Help Us Finish the Inside:

Volunteer Carpentry Skills: We are actively looking for skilled carpenters to help us build out and finish the interior cabinetry. If you can lend a hand with the cabinetry, send us a quick e-mail.

Shop Our Amazon Wish List: We still need a few key operational items—including **A rocking chair, large sensory tubes, sensory bean bags,** and comfort supplies.

[Wish List](#)



[Help with
Carpentry](#)

Packed October Schedule:

Catch Us in the Community!

October is shaping up to be one of our most impactful months yet. We'll be out in full force providing adaptive equipment, cart shuttles, and sensory support across the region:

- **Ft. Myers Adaptive Expo**
- **Down Syndrome Buddy Walk**
- **Hollie Brewer Adaptive Rodeo**
- **Blue Springs Park Rolling Hikes**
- **Pioneer Days**
- **Oct 31: 5th Annual StirringWaters Fundraising Paddle**

November Preview:

1st Annual Peace & PossAbility Expo!

We aren't slowing down when October ends—we head straight into November for our **1st Annual Peace & PossAbility Retreat and Expo** at **Lake Aurora Christian Camp & Retreat Center!**

Born out of our **All God's Children Disability Ministry Network**, this inaugural event brings families living with special needs together for a barrier-free, high-impact day of adaptive fun, community resources, and spiritual encouragement. 🏠 We Need Sponsors & Volunteers!



[More Event Details](#)



Because this door opened so quickly, we are building our support team right now. We need local churches, business partners, and passionate volunteers to lock arms with us to make this day 100% free for attending families. Sponsorship Target: Raising \$10,000–\$15,000 to cover event setup, clinic supplies, and family hospitality.

Volunteers: Helping run registration, parking, shuttle driving, adaptive activities, and family care.

VIP

Registration

Sponsor A VIP

Very Important Participant

Become A

Volunteer

Fueling the Mission Day to Day

Prefer to give a general gift to keep our Track Chairs, accessible golf carts, and clinic gear running smoothly year-round? Every dollar removes a physical barrier for a local family!

Become a Spokesperson Today

Make a One-Time Donation Today

A Closing Thought for July

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

Whether it's putting the finishing touches on cabinetry, filling seats in a Voyageur canoe, or serving at our November Expo, thank you for standing with us as we clear the way for everyone to get off the deck!

With Gratitude,
The RTBI Family

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