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RTBI Thanksgiving Newsletter

From a first boat ride to a new favorite activity, here's what you helped make possible

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Removing the Barriers Initiative!

Our first thank-you goes to our **RTBI Spokespersons**. Your faithful monthly giving helps us show up for people and families living with disabilities throughout the year. Thank you for putting your faith into action through your generosity. **'Cause Everyone Needs a Voice.**

We're grateful to the partners who work alongside us year-round, including **Lake Aurora Christian Camp, Ann's Angels Adaptive Waterski Foundation, and SportsAbility Alliance**. A special thank-you to **Christ Church on the Move**, the first church to partner with **All God's Families Disability Ministry** and help create a church community where people living with disabilities and their families belong. Thank you also to our Buddy Paddle partners, the **Mason G. Smoak Student Leadership Program** and **Ridge Area Arc**.

Miles of smiles at Peace & PossAbilities

At the November 7 Expo, Captain Larry Gohn learned that one participant had never been out on the water. He made sure she got to go out on the pontoon boat twice. Another participant told us archery was their favorite because it was something they could do again at home. There's joy in trying something for the first time and in finding something you're excited to do again.





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This year, **198 participants** joined us at Lake Aurora Christian Camp, where **103 volunteers, 31 exhibitors, and 30 outdoor activity providers** helped make the day possible. Families and friends enjoyed **106 pontoon boat rides, 74 horseback rides, 42 adaptive waterski trips, and 95 zipline rides**, along with bike riding, track chair rides, archery, ax throwing, kayaking, and more.

Thank you to the families who joined us and to the sponsors, exhibitors, activity providers, and volunteers who made those miles of smiles possible.

Thank you for supporting RTBI throughout the year

We're grateful to our grant supporters, **Peace River Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up, the Autism Services Grant Council, Airboaters for Autism, the Camp Rotary Charitable Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation, the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and The NRA Foundation**. Your generosity helps remove barriers so more people living with disabilities and their families can get outdoors, try something new, and enjoy time together.

Thank you to our community sponsors and in-kind supporters, **Dyer Auto-Group, First Christian Church of Babson Park, Kent & Cindy Lilly, Kent Lilly Law Group, Lake Wales Breakfast Rotary, Lake Wales Mardi Gras, The Crooked Bass, and Visit Central Florida**.

To everyone who volunteered, gave, shared our work, or invited a family to join us, **THANK YOU!!** Because of you, more families get to say yes to a day out together.

We're grateful to share those days with you.

With gratitude,
The Removing the Barriers Initiative Team

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