



Arizona Spinal Cord  
Injury Association

# AZSCIA E-NEWS

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*"A monthly update  
on the happenings  
and upcoming  
events in the  
association."*

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## SCI Wellness Clinic

St Joseph's Hospital Wellness Clinic scheduled for July 13, 2006 has been changed to August 17, 2006. They are still needing volunteers who may not have had annual evaluations/or have problems. There will be no cost to you. If you are interested, or know of anyone who would be interested, please have that person contact Carolyn Mitchell at 602-406-6148 or page her at 602-746-9179.

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## The Mobility Project

Last month, we partnered with the Tucson Support Group to donate chairs to The Mobility Project. The Mobility Project collects, refurbishes and distributes used wheelchairs to countries such as Afghanistan, Mexico, Costa Rica, and El Salvador. Listed below are the items that were collected.

Manual -56  
Peds – 2  
Power – 8  
Sports/Rigid – 9  
Walker – 149  
Canes – 489 (boxed with ortho supplies)  
Crutches -88  
Shower Chair – 16  
Commode Chair – 14  
Raised Toilet Seats – 3  
Boxes (all labeled, organized and taped up)  
    Underpads – 3  
    Respiratory – 2  
    Medical – 1  
    Gloves – 1  
    Urological – 1  
Miscellaneous Items  
    Pivoter – 1  
    Ramp – 1  
    Mattress Cover/Lambs Wool – 2  
    Bed Pans – 4  
    Lounge Chair that raises – 1

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## Mesa Desert Challenge Regional Games

by Lane Jeppeson

**DATE & LOCATION:** MASD, in partnership with the City of Mesa and Mesa Public Schools, hosted the 2006 Desert Challenge Games from Thursday, April 27th through Sunday, April 30th. Competition was open to athletes ages 6 and older with a permanent physical disability. Events including Wheelchair Basketball, Aquatics, Track, Field, Archery, Weightlifting and Boccia Ball were held at Mesa High School and Kino Junior High School Pool. The 2006 event opened new opportunities through the three free clinics including Table Tennis with local Professionals Len and Matthew Winkler, Track with Wendy Gumbert of Blaze Sports of America and Cycling with Paralympian Greg Hockensmith of Tucson. Sixty athletes and coaches registered for the Games including athletes from Texas, California, Tucson and the Valley. The Desert Challenge Games hosted 60 registrants over the three days and an additional 25 participants arrived for the adult wheelchair basketball competition. Approximately sixty family members joined the athletes and an additional thirty spectators were at the event over the weekend. We must thank the 160 volunteers that put in over 800 hours of volunteer work during the Desert Challenge Games this year. The volunteers are a key implement to making events like the Desert Challenge Games a success.

The 2006 Desert Challenge Games partnered with the Grand Canyon State Games for the first time this year. Congratulations to Athlete, Adam Schmuki, who received the Grand Canyon State Games APS Power Player Award due to his exceptional character and sportsmanship throughout the games. Adam participated in swimming and track events and qualified for the national tournament in all eleven of his events. Adam will attend the 2006 National Junior Disabled Sports Championships in Tampa, FL in July.

Twenty-four out of the forty athletes that participated in the Desert Challenge Games qualified to attend the National level event in at least one event. Six of the athletes qualified in more than five events. Junior athletes who successfully met the qualifying times in one or more events may continue to the 2006 National Junior Disabled Sports Championships this July in Tampa, FL. Adult athletes who successfully met the qualifying times in one or more events may continue to the US Paralympic Track and Field National Championships in July in Atlanta, GA.

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## Red and Blue Alert Now Online

ValueOptions is helping Valley residents struggling to make ends meet each day by connecting them to resources to fulfill those needs through the Red and Blue Alert Faith-Based Community Network. With the availability of its new website, matching those needs and resources has become even easier. The site allows visitors to sign up to become a Red and Blue Alert community partner, as well as to search and post unmet needs (red alerts) and available resources (blue alerts) at their convenience. Additionally, the site features a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, search alerts, Red and Blue Alert news, success stories and resource listings. Check out the website at <http://rbas.pridus.com>.

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## Wheelchair Accessible Town home for Sale

The town home is located near the 101 Fwy and University. The address is 850 S. River #1044 in Tempe. Poolside view, 1170 sq ft, 3 patio entrance private courtyard, hot tub, fireplace, hard wood/tile floors, 2 bedroom/2 bath-roll in show. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Hazelton at

586-779-7845.

## Upcoming e-news information.....

If there is anything that you would like to share with your fellow members, please contact Vangie Mortenson. She will ensure that the information will be posted on the e-news.

**THANK YOU!**