



Arizona Spinal Cord
Injury Association

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12th Annual "But It's A Dry Heat" Charity Golf Classic

Chuy's Mesquite Broiler has once again chosen the Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association as their charity of choice for this year's golf tournament.

Sponsored by: Chuy's, Budweiser, Coors Light, Miller Brands, Republic Beverage, Southern Wines, Alliance Beverage, Rick Rohde Custom Bikes, G&K Services and Adriana Photography.

Registration: 6:30AM - 7:20AM

Tee Off (Shotgun Start): 7:30AM

Price: \$80.00 per player includes green fees, cart, range balls, gift packs, bag tags, lunch and drinks at Chuy's Baseline, 1831 E Baseline Road in Tempe.

Format: 4-Man Scramble (Better Ball. FOURSOMES ARE RECOMMENDED!)

Prizes awarded for: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, 4 Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive, Longest Drive, and Worst Team Score.

Deadline to register is September 7, 2008. For more details, please contact Manny at 480-777-2905.

Disability Empowerment Center of Arizona

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) will be having their Open House on Friday, October 17, 2008. The general public is invited to attend and the open house is set for the entire day. The address is 5025 E Washington Street in Phoenix.

Listed below are the suites for all the community partners at the Disability Empowerment Center of Arizona:

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living - Suite 200
Arizona Center for Disability Law - Suite 202
Raising Special Kids - Suite 204
Arizona Autism United - Suite 212
Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council - Suite 214

Multiple Sclerosis Society - Suite 102
Joni and Friends - Suite 104
Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association - Suite 108

Sedona Mystery Tour

Please save the date for Saturday, September 20, 2008 for the next tour. We will have our vans available for the road trip. As we get closer to the date, we

will set up a pick up time. It is a beautiful and scenic tour of Montezuma Castle, Sedona and what better way to end the day then a wine sipping at the Oak Creek Vineyards.

3rd Annual Spinal Cord Injury Retreat

We are still accepting applicants to register for the retreat. The retreat will be held from August 21-24, 2008 at Whispering Hope Ranch in Payson, AZ. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the camp grounds. Please call Kayla at the office for available scholarships and volunteer opportunities.

Get Out The Vote

Specifically, the Help America Vote Act (aka HAVA) requires that every polling place be physically accessible and have an accessible voting system.

In Arizona, computerized machines provide people with disabilities the broadest array of accessibility features, which permit many to vote privately and independently. Diebold is in most Arizona counties, but Maricopa uses Sequoia and Cochise uses Automark. If voters with disabilities are uncomfortable using the electronic machines, they may bring anyone (except an agent of an employer or a union) into the voting booth to assist them in casting their vote.

In addition to accessible voting systems, each polling place must be accessible on voting day. This requirement also includes buildings that are exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), such as churches.

To ensure compliance with federal voting rights laws, the U.S. Department of Justice has published the ADA Checklist for Polling Places to help local governments solve Election Day physical access problems. This document can be found at <http://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.htm>.

On Election Day, there are several resources available to voters with disabilities who encounter problems in casting their vote. The Arizona Center for Disability Law has a HAVA hotline open from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Voters with disabilities can call 602-274-6287 (TTY/TTD) or 800-927-2260 (TTY/TTD) on both the Primary Election day of September 2, 2008 and for the General Election on November 4, 2008. Voters with disabilities may also call the Arizona Secretary of State with a complaint at 1-800-THE-VOTE.

Voters who, as a result of a continuing illness or physical disability, are unable to go to the polls may contact their county special election boards before the election so that a volunteer from the County Recorder's Office can bring a ballot on or before Election Day. Of course, all of our efforts to increase citizen participation in our democracy will fail if individuals do not register to vote or if they fail to bring proper identification to the polls. The final day to register to vote for the Primary Election is August 4, 2008. The final day to register for the General Election is October 6, 2008. To find out what type of identification you will need to bring to the polls, check the Secretary of State's website at http://www.azsos.gov/election/Prop_200/poll_identification.htm .

Conquer Chiari Walk Across America

September 20, 2008

Papago Park, Ramada #2

625 N Galvin Parkway in Phoenix

Registration Begins at 6:00AM, Walk Starts at 7:00AM

The 5K Walk will proceed through the Desert Botanical Gardens

Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting 300,000 people in the US. The Conquer Chiari Walk Across America is a series of local awareness and fundraising walks held across the country on the same day. Join us on this special day and help the thousands of families struggling with this terrible disease. All proceeds will be used to fund Chiari research.

Participation is free, but t-shirts will be provided for registered walkers with a minimum \$20 donation. For more information, to register as a walker, or to sponsor a walker, call Sheryl at 602-481-2686 or Debbie at 623-561-6906 or visit www.conquerchiari.org. Deadline for free t-shirt is August 15th.

Conquer Chiari, known formally as the C&S Patient Education Foundation is a Pennsylvania 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes of Chiari and syringomyelia patients through education, awareness, and research.

All participants are welcome to join in a CELEBRATION PARTY following the walk with music by: The Jay Soto Band, Ullman Terrace at Desert Botanical Gardens.

Fall Adaptive Sports Program

Great adaptive sports in the Valley this fall. Register today! Basketball - Bowling - Cycling - Kayaking - Power Soccer

Link to 2008 Summer-Fall Physically Challenged Program Times, Dates & Locations:

<http://www.arizonadisabledsports.com/pdf/ADS%202008%20Summer%20-%20Fall%20packet.pdf>

Link to 2008 Summer-Fall Physically Challenged REGISTRATION FORM & WAIVER:

http://www.arizonadisabledsports.com/pdf/Registration_Waiver.pdf

Stay tuned for information regarding upcoming clinics...

Jr. Suns Wheelchair Basketball Clinic on Saturday, August 9th for Athletes & Professionals

First Swing Adaptive Golf Clinic on Saturday, September 6th for Professionals

For more information, please contact Susan Rossi, City of Mesa Parks, Recreation & Commercial Facilities at 480-644-5702 or visit www.arizonadisabledsports.com.

Calling Information? Call 411 for FREE!

If you have a disability, you may be able to use 411 for free for the rest of your life. Just call your phone service company. Ask if they offer free directory assistance calls to people who are permanently disabled. If they say yes, ask them what steps you need to take in order to receive this benefit.

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Equipment Needed for Flood Recovery Efforts

Iowa Residents Impacted by Recent Flooding Need DME

Hundreds of Iowa residents are in need of certain quality durable medical equipment (DME) including manual wheelchairs and transfer shower benches. Many folks cannot return to their homes due to funding needs for repairs. Complicating this was a previous shortage of accessible housing in the region. There is also a need for funding assistance for temporary housing and temp modifications such as ramps for the temp housing.

Easter Seals of Iowa is collecting and distributing used adapted equipment to persons who have lost their equipment due to the recent floods. Since shipping costs may be considerable due to size/weight of an item compared with the relative dollar value of that item, cash donations may be a better choice. Easter Seals of Iowa has some ability to sanitize and make very minor repairs or adjustments to donated equipment but that available service DOES NOT rise to the quality level of a seating & positioning clinic.

Among items need, in order of priority:

1. Manual wheelchairs
2. Tub transfer benches
3. Toilet safety frames
4. Grab bars

To make donations of used equipment, contact: Easter Seals at 515-309-2395 or info@eastersealsia.org.

It is best in all situations that potential donors call or email the IA Easter Seals directly before shipping a donated item.

Kids On Wheels Magazine

Kids On Wheels (KOW) is looking for responses from wheelchair users aged 8-12.

If you would like to contribute your experience to KOW Magazine, there's no time like the present! Please consider sending us your child's answer to this issue's poll question (see below). There are a few other ways below in which you can help as well. And we always enjoy hearing about kid's accomplishing a goal or doing interesting activities of any kind. Drop us a note with the details, and we'll get back in touch to do a story.

POLL QUESTION

Do you pay attention to the Paralympics? How did you find out about them? What do they mean to you?

Please include a photo with your child's response, as well as first name, age, disability, city and state.

PARTING SHOT

Do you have photos of your family out having fun, or just living life to the fullest? Please email them to Doug for consideration on our Parting Shot page. If we print your photo, you will receive a complimentary two-year subscription

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Upcoming e-news information.....

If there is anything that you would like to share with your fellow members, please contact Vangie Mortenson at 602-239-5929 or vangie@azspinal.org. She will ensure that the information will be posted on the e-news.

THANK YOU!