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Adventure is for Everyone: Launching Our Boldest Year Yet!

Happy New Year, RTBI Family!

As we step into 2026, the Removing the Barriers Initiative (RTBI) is more energized than ever. Our mission remains the heartbeat of everything we do: To remove the barriers to great experiences for people and families living with disabilities. This year is about mobility, sensory inclusion, and the power of church and community partnerships.

Here is a look at the incredible journey we have planned for the year ahead.

Spotlight: Our Monthly Spokesperson Supporters

Before we look ahead, we want to say a profound Thank You to our existing Monthly Spokesperson Supporters. You are the backbone of this initiative.

The truth is, we simply cannot do what we do without ongoing monthly support. Your $25.00 a month donation (84 cents a day) provides the vital stability that keeps our accessibility services rolling and helps us expand our outreach to all of God's children. When you become a monthly supporter, you aren't just giving a gift; you are ensuring that someone can attend camp, join in the adaptive ski clinic, be a part of a buddy paddle or a family can enjoy a local festival without limits.

Will you be the driving force behind RTBI's next great experience?

Click Here To Become a Monthly Spokesperson

Inclusion on the Move Our New Mobile Calming Corner and Comfort Station

We want to extend a HUGE Thank You to Peace River Electric Operation Round Up for their incredible support and for believing in our vision of bringing true inclusivity to public festivities!

Thanks to their generous grant, we are officially launching our Mobile Calming Corner and Comfort Station trailer. We know that for many

families, the lack of private, accessible facilities means leaving a festival early or foregoing the event altogether. This mobile unit changes that.

The Calming Corner: Equipped with a wheelchair lift, this area provides a quiet, sensory-friendly retreat for those who need a break from the sights and sounds of a busy crowd.

The Comfort Station: This space features an adult-sized changing table, ensuring dignity and convenience for individuals of all ages and their caregivers.

By bringing these facilities directly to public events, we aren't just providing a service—we are ensuring that every family feels welcomed, valued, and able to stay for the whole celebration.

Peace River Electric Operation Round Up

AI Generated Conceptual Rendering of the Calming Corner and Comfort Station.

The C.A.R.E. Program: Business with a Heart

Kevin Tison LPT Realty.

We are officially pulling back the curtain on the C.A.R.E. (Community Alliance for Referrals & Empowerment) Program. The goal is simple: to turn everyday business transactions into a powerhouse of support for RTBI.

We are proud to introduce our very first C.A.R.E. Partner, Kevin Tison with LPT Realty.

The Impact: When you use a C.A.R.E. Partner for services (like buying or selling a home), they donate a portion of their net commission back to RTBI at zero extra cost to you. * The Math: One real estate transaction through a C.A.R.E. Partner can fund scholarships for three campers or ten adaptive ski clinic participants.

Click Here to Learn How to Become a C.A.R.E. Partner or to Connect with Kevin Tison.

Click Here for C.A.R.E. Partner

RTBI: Continued Community Support

RTBI remains your partner in accessibility. We are continuing our deep commitment to supporting local events and organizations through our specialized fleet and programs:

Accessible Event Services: We are still on the ground providing **Accessible Golf Carts, Trams, Track Chairs, and Games** to make sure everyone can navigate and enjoy community gatherings.

Coming Soon: Plans are progressing for our **Mobile Sensory Area**—stay tuned for more details!

Camp Equipment & Provisions: We continue to provide essential equipment for special needs camps, ensuring that "summer fun" is a reality for campers of all ages.

Rolling Hikes: Maintaining our fleet of Track Chairs year-round at the Nature Conservancy of Tiger Creek is one of the most impactful ways we remove barriers to the Great Outdoors. While standard wheelchairs are often confined to paved sidewalks, these rugged, motorized chairs allow users to navigate sand, mud, tall grass, and uneven forest floors providing joy and access to "Green Space". Click Below to Reserve

Tiger Creek Preserve Track Chair Reservation

Click Image Above for Video

ADA Adventures & The "Paddle of Champions"

Our outdoor programs are reaching new waters in 2026:

Expanded Buddy Paddles: We are adding more dates to our schedule for this one-of-a-kind experience! Our **Buddy Paddles** features a magnificent **29' Voyageur Canoes** where up to 14 people paddle in unison. It is the ultimate team effort designed to ensure that people of all abilities can enjoy the peace and beauty of the water together.

Making Waves: Adaptive Ski Clinics: We are thrilled to host these clinics in collaboration with a partner non-profit! They are bringing a specialized volunteer team and cutting-edge equipment to ensure everyone can feel the rush of the water. From specialized sit-skis to expert 1-on-1 coaching, we are turning "I can't" into "Watch me go!"

The Paddle of Champions: A brand-new collaborative endeavor with fellow non-profits. We are stronger when we paddle together! More information in to follow.

A Final Thought: The Banquet Table of Belonging

As we look forward to the adventures of 2026, we are reminded of the mandate found in **Luke 14:13–14**:

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

At RTBI, we believe that community festivals, summer camps, and days on the water are the "banquets" of our time. Our mission is to ensure that the invitation to these celebrations is truly open to everyone, regardless of the barriers they face.

By joining us—whether as a C.A.R.E. Partner, a Monthly Spokesperson, or a volunteer—you are helping to fulfill the promise of **Isaiah 40:4**: raising up every valley and making the rough ground level. Together, we aren't just providing equipment; we are building a world where every person is invited to the table, and every path is clear.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of this mission. We can’t wait to see you out there!

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