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# Potentials

MAY, 2011

## ADAM'S CAMP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS WITH A BOUNCE!



Jennifer and Alexander Roitz

**Adrenaline Gymnastics** provided the perfect venue for 275 active participants who jumped, climbed, bounced, danced and hoola hooped their way through an afternoon celebrating Adam's Camp's 25th birthday! **Partners in Pediatrics** and **Larry and Debbie Hauserman** served as our generous presenting sponsors for this event which raised over **\$71,500** for our kids and families. **Pasquini's Pizza, Bonnie Brae Ice Cream, and Sam's Club** provided generous donations of a kid's favorite party foods for the celebration.



Board member Rob Malkin and Karl Schuster

Enthusiastic planning for the Birthday Bash was under the leadership of event chairs **Betsy Choate** and **Jesse Ogas**. Thanks to them and committee members **Julie Adams, Jane Buckley, Ann Durham, Tracy Kaminsky, Marguerite Klingler, Tara Lusche, Kim Ribich, Angie Waller** and **Cindy Wells** for making this day an all around success!

Our sincere appreciation goes to sponsors **Jane and Steve Buckley (Buckley Powder), 1st Bank, Anna & John Sie Foundation, Colorado Allergy and Asthma Center** and **Bob and Karel Horney** as well as our table sponsors for making this event such a great day for families and an even better day in support of the kids of Adam's Camp.



Ben Barnhardt, Matt and Mark Choate



Bob Horney, Steve Buckley and Holly Schutz

## Spotlight on our Adam's Camp Bright Stars!



### Staff

For the past seven years, Helga Simons has hired, trained and nurtured the "army" of over 200 volunteers we utilize yearly in the Adam's Camp program. Helga recruits fantastic volunteers through the trained eye of the mom of Hannah, her daughter with Williams syndrome who has been an Adam's Camper for the past 12 years. Thanks for your love and passion for Adam's Camp, Helga!

### Volunteer

Carah Killian has been a regular volunteer in the Adam's Camp office since February. After graduating from Metro State College, Carah spent 6 months in Germany as an English tutor. Since returning, she has spent 3 days a week offering her invaluable support to us as we prepare for the summer. Thank you, Carah!



## DANCING WITH THE STARS 2011

There are few events that create more of a buzz among our Adam's Campers than our winter dance. This year's Dancing With the Stars theme brought out over 60 campers, dressed from glamorous to hip, with lots of sunglasses to hide them from the ever present paparazzi!

Campers were in a festive mood as they were joining such favorites as Justin Bieber and Hannah Montana in celebrating Adam's Camp's 25th Anniversary. Campers showed up, ready to dance and perform at the 5th annual Adam's Camp Winter Dance for teens and young adults with special needs. The Hyatt Regency Tech Center again provided a great venue for this event. Thanks to a generous donation from Southeast Denver Rotary, the décor was fit for any Hollywood extravaganza. Attendees stopped to have their photo taken before entering the ballroom that was transformed into a fabulous "set".

And did they dance! The seats were mostly empty as DJ Phil Soderborg kept everyone on their feet – or on their wheels, for those in wheelchairs- throughout the evening. The campers were joined by volunteers from the Cherry Creek High School Rotary and from Adam's Camp summer volunteers.

Not only do campers get the rare opportunity to reconnect with their friends from camp, but this dance provides another opportunity for them to practice social skills and independence. With their night out comes a night out for parents, many of whom have few nights away from their special kids.

Thanks to Terry Colip and JoAnne Zboyan for all of their help with organization, and to our many volunteers, this event was again a smash hit.



Dererk Veldkamp



Peter and Casey



CCHS volunteer Ashley Klingbiel with camper Steven Kennedy

## IN REMEMBRANCE: BOB JOHNSON



It is with great sadness that we continue to support Adam's Camp staff member **Laura**, staff and volunteer **Emily**, volunteer **George**, and camper **Erik Johnson** as they grieve the passing of their husband and father, **Bob Johnson**.

Bob was a familiar face at Adam's Camp as he was always available with his dry wit and ready support to help make Adam's Camp a wonderful place to work and serve. Thank you, Bob, for all that you meant to Adam's Camp and to the many wonderful donors who contributed to the **Robert R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** fund created in his name.

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## TRI FOR ADAM'S CAMP!

Please join us on Saturday, July 30th for our second annual Tri for Your Cause for Adam's Camp! The Cherry Creek Streak takes place at Cherry Creek Reservoir, with both a sprint and an Olympic distance offered. You can do the entire triathlon, a duathlon, or form a team and each of you take a different leg, or you can just choose which event you would like to participate in and we will help you form a team! You can sign up and start your fundraising page at [yourcausesports.com](http://yourcausesports.com) at any time. Join us in raising money and getting in shape for our kids. Questions? Call Karel at 303-563-8290 xt. 11.



Bill Plummer, Paul and Kim Ribich, Karel and Bob Horney

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Be watching for more information about our **Adam's Camp Golf Classic on Monday, September 26, 2011** at **Valley Country Club**. We are looking forward to hosting this popular tournament at a new venue with many of the same great participants this year!



## CAMP DATES FOR 2011:

Registration for summer, 2011 is well under way! Returning campers, just sign in to your account on the Web site and reserve your camp session! Spots are still available for some sessions.

<b>Path Finder &amp; Trailblazer</b>	<b>\$2,600 / \$200</b>	<b>Adventure Camps</b>	<b>\$700 / \$100</b>
6/13-6/19	Autism Spectrum	6/13-6/18	7/18-7/23
6/20-6/26	Autism Spectrum	6/20-6/25	8/1-8/6
7/11-7/17	Developmental Delays	7/11-7/16	
7/18-7/24	Developmental Delays		
8/1-8/7	Developmental Delays	<b>Explorer</b>	<b>\$850 / \$100</b>
<b>Early Start</b>	<b>\$1,200 / \$100</b>	<b>Urban Adventure</b>	<b>\$1,000 / \$100</b>
3/28-4/2	Autism & Developmental Delays	6/13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24	
10/24-10/28	Autism & Developmental Delays	7/11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22	



## Camper Family

This summer will mark the 6th summer Tyler Kullby and his parents, Kurt and Karen, have attended Adam's Camp. Tyler has moved from Pathfinder to Trailblazer, and Adam's Camp has been the grateful recipient of the volunteer support of his family since they began coming. Most recently, the Kullbys gave their Adam's Camp testimony at our donor appreciation event. Thanks, Kullbys, for your ongoing support!

## Donor

Betsy Choate and her family became involved with Adam's Camp through their son Matt who is a camper. Betsy began volunteering helping with the Watermelon Run at Cherry Creek High School. Since then, she has been a willing volunteer and a generous donor to Adam's Camp, most recently as chair and sponsor of our 25th Anniversary Birthday Bash. Thanks so much for your support, Betsy!



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We wish Assistant Director Laura Kindregan well as she moves to Boulder and continues her independent marketing business. Welcome to Erin Todd, our



Erin Todd

new Assistant Director! A graduate of NYU, Erin comes to us with 7 years fundraising experience and over 11 years of marketing background. Welcome to the family, Erin!

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We are always looking for new outreach partners, and welcome any ideas you might have for program and/or facility partners in other states. Please email Bob Horney at: rdh7149@gmail.com.

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*It is important also to recognize there have been over 200 individuals who have donated their time and talents in our office, at our events, on our committees and at our camp programs. While there is not enough room to list them all, we are truly grateful for your commitment, enthusiasm, and generous spirit of giving!*

