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To Grow...
To Succeed!



The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation, Inc.

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Our Mission

The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization which supports the needs of medically and physically challenged children. We exist to increase lifestyle opportunities and quality of life for recipients by providing equipment and/or services that would not otherwise be affordable.

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P.O. Box 355

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We are a tax exempt organization, so any donations made can be deducted from your taxes. If you would like a receipt, please include your request with any donations.

NOTICE

If you or your group would like to assist us in any way or receive our newsletter, please contact:

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To assist us in keeping cost down, please send us your e-mail addresses.

First Annual Bowling Tournament Strikemaster Lanes, Seaford, DE

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They won three equal times and cash prizes ranged from \$200 - \$10.

Our fundraisers Sylvia and John put in many hours, working closely with Strikemaster Lanes to ensure that our first tournament went successfully without a problem. John researched exactly how the correct bowling averages were used and designed a form to keep the Registration table informed which lane was used for that particular team. John's parents, Don and John (Sr.) kindly kept immediate records all day to ensure that everyone was registered for the correct time. We could not have done it without the Bell's's help! I think we might be seeing them again for our next Doubles Tournament. Thank you to all the Board Members and Greater Club, who helped us win.

The Winners Of the First Bowling Tournament

5th Ken Decker & John Berlin

2nd Michael Calzone & Susan Neal

3rd Jamie Hall & Bruce Fraser

4th Ed & In Dickerson & Mark Fishary

5th Donald Hanson & Paul Trueman

On April 21, 2001 we held our first Doubles Bowling Tournament



Sylvia Strikemaster, Ambassador

presents Ken Decker to

John Jordan with their

First prize check for \$200.



The Kid's Club

The Kid's Club at Tree of Life Lutheran Church, in Middleburg Delaware (www.tlcde.org), held a double golf/bowls sale to raise more than \$200 for our foundation. In a letter from Diane Clarke, she writes: "The children ages 5-12 helped to lay the pins, take trays and sell at the sale. The opportunity helped them to experience the joy of helping others and to learn more about people with disabilities. They talked a lot about accessibility and thinking of it in terms of access to both the community and to themselves."

Thank You Kid's Club



Our Fourth Recipient

Kevin Dandy is a 19 year old male with Asperger's Syndrome (autism), Attention Deficit Disorder, and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. He is being raised by his grandparents and lives in Strasburg, New Virginia. Bowlsbackiding (bowlbacking) was recommended for coordination, sensory issues and to encourage positive socialization.

We granted a request to make Hypertrophy at Stone City Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. (<http://www.stonecity-riding.com>), Executive Director of Colleen Ann Flann, owner for Seaford, MS, CTRB, available for two hour riding one day per week for 10 weeks. (Hobby Trunk, Inc.)

According to The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) "Hippotherapy is a specialized form of physical therapy which uses the horse as a therapy tool to address the movement disorders associated with various neurological and musculoskeletal conditions, such as cerebral palsy, cerebral trauma, low back pain, stroke, multiple sclerosis and traumatic brain injury. A Hippotherapy treatment is conducted by a licensed and specially trained health care provider, used either a Physical or Occupational Therapist or Speech Language Pathologist. Hippotherapy is not a new or experimental form of therapy. It was first introduced in Europe following two epidemics of poliomyelitis after World War II, and has been recognized since then as a highly beneficial mode of treatment."

"The goal is to incorporate muscle tone and strengthen posture at standing, thereby increasing the child's ability to perform functional activities of daily living. The partnership between horse and child is an incredible motivator, including self-esteem, confidence, strength, balance, coordination and communication skills. The therapist and volunteer side walkers maximize the benefits of the horse's movement, placing the child in different positions on the horse, playing games and engaging goal oriented tasks." More information can be found at www.nceft.org.