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servicing the concerns of people with disabilities

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Starting a Special Touch Chapter

After a Summer Get Away is over, participants are looking to continue the experiences of those exciting five days at 'camp'. Some of them are returning to homes where they do not have a positive support system. Others, may be returning to a hopeless environment, full of discouragement or emotional pain. Statistics show that over 80% of people with disabilities do not attend church. Joining a Special Touch Chapter provides the opportunity for them to receive faith-based

support and a connection to others sharing similar experiences in their community. Special Touch Chapters provide a loving environment for people impacted by disability to form friendships, build hope, grow spiritually, become involved in their community, and in return, create value by serving others.

Special Touch Chapters meet regularly, enriching lives through the exchange of helpful information, resources, mentorship, encouragement, opportunities for building relationships and having fun. They provide a connection between people with disabilities and their families, to the local community, specialized groups and area churches. Currently, there are 14 Special Touch Chapters operating in local communities across the country. Our desire is to give opportunities for volunteers to open at least 1000 Chapters across the nation!!

From October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, Special Touch Ministry is accepting applications from groups looking to start a Special Touch Chapter in their community. Special Touch Chapters are birthed and led by passionate, dedicated volunteers longing to serve people impacted by disability. Special Touch Ministry has developed a training program to walk each team through the steps, giving them all the tools necessary to lead a healthy and lasting Chapter in their community.

Starting a Special Touch Chapter not only provides a local group with the credibility and exposure associated with a National Organization, but also gives access to networking and information accumulated by leadership with over 30 years of disability ministry experience. The Word Walk[®] Chapter Curriculum is just one of the many tools uniquely created for the sole use of Special Touch Ministry Chapters.



For more information on Special Touch Chapters visit Special Touch online at specialtouch.org. If you have a group of people committed to joining this exciting ministry and making a positive difference in the lives of people impacted by disability, contact the Special Touch National Chapter Director to start your Chapter today!

Upcoming Events

New Chapter Start-up
October 1-March 31

Bowl Across America
March 31, 2012



July & August Ministry Expenses \$20,000
July & August General Donations \$12,352

July & August Balance - \$7,648

Above is a feature, designed to give a snapshot of the ministry's monthly financial picture. At a glance, you can see the need and how it's being met.

NOTE: Personal budgets for our Missionaries and National Reps, including our Executive Director are raised independently.

Donate online through www.specialtouch.org!

Your tax-deductible gifts are greatly appreciated.

Used Equipment

Please contact the seller directly, Special Touch Ministry is not responsible for any equipment listed below.

Power Wheelchair (only 6 months old) and hoist lift for sale. For more details, contact Gayle Leach at gleach1@hotmail.com.

Electric Wheelchair for sale. 1998 Pronto M71 " Sure Step, with all the bells and whistles. Excellent condition never used outside during the winter. Two new batteries installed on 10/2010 Lightly used and well maintained. Paid \$7,300.00 asking \$2000.00 or reasonable offer. If interested, contact Jeff at abbabusch@yahoo.com.

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A Successful Event in the Northeast Region

"We have always wanted to have an opportunity to bring disability ministry back home to New England," shares Special Touch Missionary Joe Trementozzi. "In 2008, Superintendent Bob Wise of the Southern New England District of the Assemblies of God, gave us his endorsement to be a part of their district convention. Thanks to the support of many friends, in 2011 we were able to present the Special Touch Northeast Regional Summer Get Away!"



"Even though our desire was that we all have a great time participating in the games and activities throughout the five days of Special Touch Summer Get Away, even though we all love making new friends, there is a major purpose for gathering together. That purpose was to show compassion and share the gospel. Every moment of the camp, sharing the love of Jesus was evident. Servanthood evangelism (show me the love of Christ) was witnessed all over the campus. We can confidently say that the caregivers the Lord brought us to help, were among the best in the nation."

Joe continues, "One of the most powerful scenes of someone praying for another is when you see a person with a disability praying for someone who has no disability. Such was the case with a staff member at the Northeast Regional Summer Get Away. Little did this staff member know that he would be the one ministered to - in a mighty way - when a guest who had Cerebral Palsy prayed for him."



Out of the guests participating in the Special Touch Northeast Regional Summer Get Away, half had never had a faith based experience. Fifteen had never attended a Special Touch Summer Get Away or other ministry event.



When you open a Summer Get Away in a new location, it's difficult to predict the outcome of the first year, especially when it's the last event of the season. But, after so many positive spiritual experiences for guests and staff alike, Coordinators Joe and Ann Trementozzi and the Special Touch Ministry leadership are thrilled to report that the first Northeast Regional Summer Get Away was an incredible success!

**Special Touch Ministry wants to thank everyone who made
the 2011 Summer Get Away Season one of the BEST EVER!!
We couldn't have done it without you!**