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Message from Our Executive Director, Captain Dave McCabe

It has been a long while in coming, so we are excited to launch our inaugural Sailing Angels newsletter! Our aim is to publish a quarterly newsletter to keep our volunteers, participating families, and benefactors informed about our activities. We want to continue to build that sense of community that has helped us create truly meaningful experiences for every participant in our program!



We will share quarterly highlights as to who has supported our charity, our most significant activities, and what's on our sailing horizon. We also will share some testimonials from those we have served as well as those who volunteer.

We wish to kick off this inaugural issue by recognizing our major institutional benefactors which have been responsible for the highly successful launch of our Sailing Angels Foundation since 2011. See their names in the article below. Additionally, we want to recognize those individuals who have made significant donations this year; these include both financial donors and boat owners who have volunteered their boats, their time and their talent.

Since our journey began seven years ago we have provided our free therapeutic and educational service to more than 8,000 participants, including 4,500 since establishing our 501(c)3 charitable organization - Sailing Angels Foundation. From a historical perspective, we first served children with physical and cognitive disabilities. We then expanded our scope to include children with severe illnesses followed by wounded warriors and military families, 'At-Risk' children (via Child Protective Services and their associates) and, most recently, victims of domestic violence. There is a vast need among each of these groups for an opportunity to spend family time together in an environment of complete relaxation, acceptance and wonder at the beauty of the ocean and the excitement of sailing. Time and time again, the medical teams and participating families tell us how beneficial our unique nautical experience has been in their family lives and for the many medical patients we serve!

This year, we are on track to serve more than 1,500 individuals. If you are on Facebook, check out our photos on the Sailing Angels Foundation page - you'll see the delight we've brought to so many families. We could not do this without the support of our generous donors, boat owners, and many crew members! Your commitment makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many who benefit from our unique service.

Wishing fair winds to you and your family this holiday season,

Captain Dave

2014: A Busy, Rewarding Year

Here are some of the highlights of our year at Sailing Angels Foundation:

- Mikey's Place-Special Needs Summer Camp Fair featured our services.
- We sponsored an information booth at Conroe ISD's Transition Fair and sailed for the World Down Syndrome Celebration.
- In April we participated in the successful Insperity Charity Fair.
- In May, Rebecca Suarez and her Univision TV crew sailed with us, as we hosted the Vets. This 'special' was aired by Univision on Armed Forces Day.
- In June, the Texas Mariners Cruising Association (TMCA) hosted their 3rd annual "Summer Sailstice" sailing event with the Sailing Angels. Once again, this was a tremendous success. With 14 vessels and 39 volunteers, we provided our service to 77 participants.
- In July, our big events included: sails with the City of Pasadena's individual's with disabilities (including many who use wheelchairs), the Families Can Program at Shriners Hospital, and the national Abilities Expo (in Houston).
- August was a big month for us as we were recognized with an award by the Veterans Administration at their Mental Health Summit. Then, Mayor Annise Parker proclaimed August 14th as Sailing Angels Foundation Day.
- During September we participated in the City of Houston's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Kick-off event.
- October was also a big month as we participated in Houston's White Cane Day (recognizing individuals with visual impairments and blindness); our flyers were distributed in Braille! Shake Russell (a highly popular musician in the Southwest) composed and recorded the song "Sailing Angels," in honor of our charitable initiative; this song is great and was debuted at the first Recognition Event, honoring our 70+ volunteers. Also, we were honored by having Jerry Simoneaux join our Board of Directors.

Throughout the year, we participated in 10 transition fairs hosted by area high schools.

And last, but certainly not least, during 2014 we have been honored to have served more than 1,500 participants, exceeding our 2013 record by more than 20%! This could not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our 70 volunteers, 20 boats and the financial support from our community!

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To all of you who have helped us financially, with in-kind support, and with your time & talent, we thank you for your commitment to the Sailing Angels Foundation and those who we've served. To those who have not taken the opportunity, but wish to do so, now is your chance!



We appeal to your generosity during this holiday season. Presently, we have a \$9,200 shortfall in our 2014 budget; please help us close this void! Financial support from the community is what makes this service possible - and free! Remember, "It takes a village"! Having all volunteers and no salaried staff, we take great pride in managing our administrative cost to less than 4%. (So, 96 cents of your dollar goes towards your intentions... to help those less fortunate or more challenged than we are! Do you know of any other charity which can claim this? Probably not!)

You may make a tax-deductible donation either via credit card on our website at www.SailingAngels.org or by mailing a check (payable to the Sailing Angels Foundation) to:

Sailing Angels Foundation
c/o Captain Dave McCabe
1714 Festival Drive
Houston, TX 77062

Thanks, Sailing Angels!

Dear Captain Dave,
Everyone had an extraordinary time! You all are providing such an amazing opportunity for families like ours. On a side note: I have never, ever seen my boys so relaxed and focused. Especially my younger son, Noah. He was so focused and thrilled about sailing that boat! And, to see my older, Cameron to not be consumed with anxiety was also extraordinary! I cried tears of joy with my husband when I told him about our day. Thank you again, for providing such a wonderful day of sailing!!



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Our Institutional Benefactors

We are most appreciative to these charities and corporations. They have helped launch and sustain our charity since 2011. They are being recognized here in accordance with the significance of their commitments.

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Texas Mariners Cruising Association
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Within each category, the donors are recognized in accordance with the significance of their donations.

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Thank you for supporting our mission.

We hope to see everyone out sailing soon!

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