

History of A.S.P.I.R.E.

In the summer of 2004, nine independent organizations came together in Rockdale County Georgia with a common belief that by working together in a collaborative relationship they could improve access to recreation, training, assistive technology and social activities for the special needs population and provide more opportunities. We chose the name **ASPIRE** because: We ultimately **ASPIRE** to include all Special Needs People in the life of Rockdale County through Recreation/Social activities and Experiences.

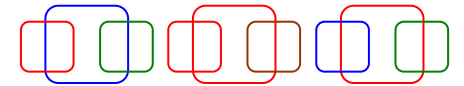


Aspire to great things!

Partners



Things get BETTER when we work TOGETHER!



All
Special Needs
People
Included in
Recreational
Experiences



"Bringing Non-profits, Corporations, Governments, and all citizens of Rockdale County together to enrich the lives of Special Needs people and their families through recreation."

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770-728-7249
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www.aspirecoalition.org

Comments About A.S.P.I.R.E.

As a parent liaison, I would highly recommend ASPIRE's services as an excellent opportunity for families with members with disabilities to interact in the community, make friends and socialize, avoid isolation and express abilities and interests. As a parent of a son with a disability, I have witnessed my son's enjoyment, development, and independence by participating in ASPIRE's activities.

Kay Rogers, Parent Liaison, Rockdale County Schools

I am impressed with the myriad of activities that are done on a daily basis. My son has autism and the constant stimulation is just what he needs. I also noted that several of Robert's autistic peers blossomed during programs and were more talkative and social. We have needed a program like this for our children for so long, this has been a blessing."

Versie Slay, Mother of a camper

"Matasha has benefited from socializing with friends rather than sitting at home. The camaraderie is important to Matasha because she has strong social needs and derives great satisfaction from interacting with others. New activities and trips are beneficial for Matasha to experience with her peers and without her parents because they develop confidence and community skills."

Stephanie McCrary, Mother of camper

"I think the activities are great for my students' social skills. Participation helps them practice transition which is a very important goal in High School. The activities help them feel successful and a sense of pride. They make new friends and is an opportunity to participate like their non disabled peers in community activities."

Rachel Fisher, Special Education Teacher, Rockdale High School

Get Active & Have Fun!

A.S.P.I.R.E has a growing list of activities and regularly scheduled events that are great ways to build and develop new skills, make friends and have FUN!

Here is a short list of the type of activities offered. Be sure to check our website or call us for details about the activities.

- Adapted sports for blind (beep baseball, goal ball, etc)
- Arts programs
- Basketball
- Bocce
- Bowling
- Computer lab
- Dances
- Access to Assistive Technology
- Early Intervention
- Greenhouse gardening
- Miracle League
- Parent Training
- Social events
- Softball
- Special events /Over nights trips
- Summer Camp
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Trips to museums, fairs, ball games
- Vocational skills
- Wheelchair sports

Get Involved

We are always looking for good ideas and dedicated people to support our A.S.P.I.R.E. mission. We welcome your ideas and kindly ask for your support. Here are some ideas on how you or your organization can help!

NEEDS

Volunteers

Donations of sports equipment

Space for programs

Financial donations and participant or activity sponsorship

"To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to."

Kahlil Gibran

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