Spina Bifida Association of Arizona

Mission:
To promote awareness of Spina Bifida and enhance the lives of those affected.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CORE VALUES

Collaboration
We value mutual respect and honesty as the cornerstones of all of our relationships. We employ teamwork and transparency to guide our efforts.

Commitment to Excellence
We aspire to hold ourselves to the highest standard and serve as champions of our cause, striving to be the best in all that we do.

Effective Voice
We work together to effect change and encourage informed advocacy on a personal, community and global level.

Inclusiveness
We embrace varied cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, diversity of thought, innovation and creativity.

Integrity
We pursue our mission with honor, fairness and respect for all individuals while we act as good stewards of our mission and the public's trust.

Visionary Leadership
We lead with hope and serve with passion toward our vision for the future.

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__ *Awareness Efforts*
__ *Family Activities*
__ *Housing*
__ *Where Most Needed*

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RETURN TO:
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We LOVE Volunteers... ask how you can help!

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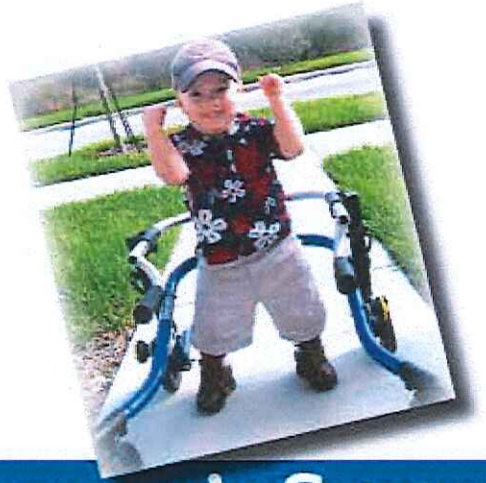

Gabriel's Story

In March of 2005 our lives were changed forever. My wife and I were on our way from a "routine" ultrasound to visit a new high risk OB. We were taken directly into an ultrasound room where this doctor looked at our baby and informed us that we had a son and he was going to be born with Spina Bifida.

A million thoughts and emotions ran through our minds. We did research and found out that this neural tube defect results from the failure of the spine to close properly during the first month of pregnancy. We also learned that Spina Bifida is the most frequently occurring permanently disabling birth defect, affecting approximately one out of every 1,000 newborns in the United States.

More children have Spina Bifida than have Muscular Distrophy and Cyctic Fibrosis combined. How could this be such a prevalent birth defect and we had not even heard of it?

We were told Gabriel had the most severe level of Spina Bifida in which the spinal cord protrudes through the back. Our son was born in October 2005 at Vanderbilt University and is now an enthusiastic little boy with a smile that warms a room. Although there are obstacles, we feel that Gabriel is living life like any other child....even testing mom and dad's patience once in a while.

~ Ben Scanlan, Board Member

SBAAZ in Action

Advocacy

SBA respectfully calls upon Congress and the Administration to support increased funding and legislative, regulatory, and programmatic efforts to prevent Spina Bifida, reduce its myriad adverse complications, and improve quality of life for all individuals and families affected by this complex condition.

Awareness & Fundraising

Community events providing information and opportunity to educate and enlist parnters in becoming agents for change in the battle AGAINST Spina Bifida, and FOR support of those living with the challenges.

Family Events

Annual Holiday Party is a celebration of giving gifts and reconnecting at a festive time of year. Lunch, games and entertainment are sponsored so we can share with families without charge.

Walk N Roll Family Picnic is an opportunity for those with Spina Bifida to join in strengthening the finances that fund our programs as well as meet a variety of individuals who impact SBAAZ with their giving.

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Housing

SBAAZ provides limited transitional housing for adults 18 and over. The SBAAZ housing units are shared and open to anyone with a disability, however, persons with Spina Bifida receive priority placement. This program is partially funded by the City of Phoenix and HUD.

Member Support

Monthly Support Group Meetings
A time to connect, share & grow with others living with Spina Bifida. Family & young adult groups in Phoenix and Tucson.

Camp Cowabunga Overnight camp experience in Northern Arizona for children with SB. Scholarships are offered.

Cycle/Fitness Event Gifting of adaptive cycles to children who are unable to use standard bicycles.

CRS lunches Host weekly luncheon and offer support services for families attending their annual clinic at Children's Rehabilitative Services in Phoenix and Tucson.

Urinary Care Supplies
Offering incontinence supplies at reduced costs & assisting in locating products.

Welcome Baby

Parents of babies born with Spina Bifida receive a Welcome Baby Packet from the NICU hospitals statewide to provide vital information, family support, and a gift from the Spina Bifida Association of Arizona.