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# Everlasting Arms Extended at the East Tennessee Access-Life Expo

You know, Expos really are just about God extending His everlasting arms to and around some of the most precious of folks: people living with disabilities. From the cheers at the welcome line ushering participants into the free event and volunteers who share the Gospel with them to the simple joys of a snow cone and intimate encounter of praying with someone in need, God's arms are reaching, touching and upholding both participants and volunteers at each venue.



This year in East Tennessee, God's arms carried a young man who was too weak to make the long trek down the marina gangway to take a boat ride. God showed up by working through the hearts and minds of His people to meet this need and be blessed by the experience.

When Carla Maxey, who had been helping her husband Steve with the Expo hay rides, heard the need to take someone down the dock for a boat ride, she did not hesitate. She offered their extra "four wheeler" and drove it to where the young man was waiting. Then with the help of several "big" guys wrapping their arms around him, he was loaded on back, wrapped his own arms around Carla's waist and off they went!

God also used His arms to show a young girl participating that she was as valuable to Him as a princess. When she met a local beauty queen volunteering that day and shared with her buddy how much she admired the queen, God again worked in the hearts and minds of several volunteers to acquire a princess crown and have her crowned that day.



All in all it was a God blessed outreach with 683 participants and volunteers attending. The biggest turn out in Dandridge, TN to date.

However, more importantly, the Gospel was shared, people were connected to local churches, participants were given the opportunity to do something they never thought possible, and many families were refreshed by a day of joy and respite so badly needed - all in Jesus' name!

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