



Access-Life Volunteer Spotlight

Choosing our first Volunteer Spotlight for this our 36th Newsletter was not difficult at all. In fact, this person who has been a part of the ministry since 2011 has even earned the title "Royal Ambassador" for the way he constantly shares Access-Life with others. He has also attended 27 Expos and numerous outpost activities during his time with us. However, the best thing about God connecting us together is that he has become a tried and true friend.

Congratulations David Browne. ☺



Mission Statement: To develop and execute programs and events that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with people living with disabilities, and to connect them to Christ-honoring churches, organizations, resources, and people within their community.

Programs: Internships, Outposts, Expos, Life Support Banquets, Big Wheel Deals, Spring Flings, Fall Farm Days, Build A Wheelchair, GymBALLozas, Jingle and Mingles, Fishing with Friends, Crafting Community, Prayer and Care, Online Bingo, 3 in 3s and Fun Fact Fridays

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So how do we share Jesus and communicate all those great truths to our participants at our first ever Fall Farm Day? With the brightest, most fun, wholesome, festive activities and fellowship!

We had a hayride, pizza box painting, archery, airsoft, horses, fish, candied apples, snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs and more. It was a regular farmapalooza!

When you bring people together in an atmosphere filled with God's presence, light and love incredible things happen. New friendships are made, parents and caregivers are given the opportunity to catch their breath, and people living with disabilities get the chance to do things they never thought they could do. God's joy beams from faces, welcoming smiles greet each other and uplifting fellowship is shared. It's like a little piece of heaven on earth.

This time it was in East Tennessee with the beautiful mountains as a backdrop. However, sometimes it is in Florida with a tropical breeze, Texas where the western sun shines bright or Middle Tennessee with song birds in the air. Sometimes it is even in the heart of Belize where the lush jungle surrounds us. You see as Christians with Jesus in our hearts God is with us wherever we are. So wherever Access-Life goes, God goes – bringing heavenly blessings with Him.

You see, disability ministry is not "rocket science". It's just the Golden Rule: treating others as you would want to be treated. In fact, that's the biggest compliment you can pay anyone who has a disability because in reality we all have some type of disability.

All in all, there was a lot of heaven poured out on September 17 at our first ever Fall Farm Day and next year who knows where else Access-Life might show-up with our new farm show.

