



SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

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Our mission is to promote the prevention of Spina Bifida and to enhance the lives of all affected



Let the Good Times *Roll* in Huntsville!

The Huntsville Bowl-a-thon for Spina Bifida was held on Saturday, May 21st at Madison Bowling Center. Originally scheduled for April 30th, the Saturday after Alabama's devastating tornado outbreak, the Bowl-a-Thon was moved to a later date due to power outages and out of respect for those affected by the tornadoes. True to the spirit of those living in our great state, this re-scheduled bowl-a-thon is our largest and most successful event to date, raising more than \$17,000!



Over 24 teams participated, 13 of those being families affected by Spina Bifida. The prize for the Top Fundraising Team went to Kierstynn's Warriors (The Turner Family) who raised over \$2,000! Other top fundraising teams included: Sophie's Alley Cats (The Courson Family), Brodie's Pin Heads (The Brazier Family), Team Super Bowlers (The Harbour Family), Kayla's Krazee Krew (The Beard Family), and Jonah's Lightning Strikes (The Reeks Family). Each of the bowling teams that participated in the Bowl-a-Thon worked very hard to raise funds and awareness across North Alabama! Thank you all for your dedication!

As teams bowled and mingled, bidding on Silent Auction items and entering Raffles, the Rocket City Titans Football Team were on hand to sign autographs, take photos, and bowl with children and families. Over 30 Titans players and coaches attended, and went on to win their game that night against Jackson, MS. Head Coach Greg Campbell sent this message, "Had amazing time today at the Spina Bifida bowl a thon. The kids I met today are the true Titans and champions. I think I have about forty or more heroes to look up to. Thanks for letting me and the team be a part of today."

With the announcement of a prize for the team with the best shirt, bowling team t-shirts were everywhere! With such original and creative designs, it was difficult for the judges to determine a winning team! After much deliberation, the judges decided on The Spare Tires (The Whisenant Family)...Could it be that 1 year old twins Kobe and Piper sealed the deal modeling the tiniest of all t-shirts?.....the judges said "YES!"

So many volunteers gave up a beautiful Saturday to spend it helping us! Thank you to Kohl's A-Team, Madison County High School Beta Club/Key Club, Kathy Ogle, Linda Morrow, Kim Whisenant, and Barbara Smith! Capturing the day's happenings on film was Meleah Davis from Oh, Snap! Photography. Bowl-a-Thon photos may be viewed and ordered online at <http://ohsnapbymeleah.smugmug.com/Events/Spina-Bifida-Bowl-a-Thon/>. You can also see some of the incredible photos on the next page!

We would like to give a very special thanks to Stacey Courson, the Huntsville hostess, for her dedication and hard work to make this event a huge success. She went above and beyond to make this an event to remember! Also, thanks to her committee of dedicated volunteers that included Stephanie Brazier, Kayla Beard, and Cassie Turner!





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Birmingham “Strikes” Success in the Magic City!



Birmingham did it again! The 6th Annual Birmingham Bowl-a-thon was held on June 4th at Lightning Strikes and was a huge success! More than 250 attendees showed up to support the SBA of AL and to enjoy a day of fun and celebration. This Birmingham Bowl-a-thon was their most successful yet raising more than \$14,000!



You could feel the excitement in the air and hear the cheers the entire day! The Roll Tide team, there to support Erika Sellers, and the War Eagle team, supporting Becky Wester, helped add even more fun with their friendly competitive “War Eagle” and “Roll Tide” cheers. With thirty-eight bowling teams and many more spectators, the celebratory spirit of the day was overwhelming. We had reason to celebrate, too, with more families affected by Spina Bifida showing up to this event than any of the previous Birmingham events. Fifteen families from several different cities came out to have fun, meet other families, and help raise awareness of Spina Bifida and its prevention.

Although the families had a great time just spending time together and bowling, there were also many other activities to be enjoyed, including a raffle and silent auction event and a best t-shirt contest. Several families showed up sporting incredibly creative t-shirts, but the overall most creative t-shirt award went to Addy Smith and her team of BFF’s! Special recognition also went to several other families for their dedication and hard work to making this event the success it was. The first place award for fund-raising went to Becky Wester and her War Eagle team who raised over \$1200! Other top fund-raising teams included Addy’s BFF’s (Addy Smith’s family and friends) and Team Braden! (Braden Herring’s family and friends). There was also an award given to Erika Sellers for recruiting the most teams. Her family and friends not only traveled from Tuscaloosa to be there, but they also put together seven teams to show her their support!

We couldn’t be more thankful to all the businesses and teams who supported our organization and the many families affected by Spina Bifida across the state. We also want to say a very special thanks to the Junior League and the Ebsco employees for volunteering. Every year, both of these organizations help ensure that the event runs smoothly. We couldn’t do it without them! Also, we want to say a big thank you to Rebecca White for “capturing the magic” of the day with her photography. You can view her incredible talents at www.capturethemagic.org, and watch soon for all the the event day photos to be posted on our website.

One last huge and heartfelt thank you goes to Betsy Hopson who has hosted our Birmingham event for the last five years. We are so grateful to her and to the many Children’s Hospital employees who come out to support this event every single year.

Be sure to check out some of the event photos and a list of our sponsors on the next page!



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**SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION
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5th ANNUAL HORNE FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT



FarmLinks Golf Club

386 Talledega Springs Road, Sylacauga, AL 35151

August 7, 2011

Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM, Registration Starts: 7:30 AM

Cost Per Player: \$100 - Cost Per Team: \$400

To register, please go to www.spinabifidagolf.kintera.org or call to have registration e-mailed to you.

For Additional Information on registration or sponsorship contact:

Steven Horne - shorne9603@yahoo.com, 205-631-7987

Angie Pate- angie.pate@gmail.com, 256-617-1414

Participation is tax deductible and limited to the first 128 golfers. Please register by 07/29/11. Come enjoy 18 holes of golf on a beautiful course and lunch while supporting a good cause!

Upcoming SBA of AL Events

Family Connections Picnics

Alabaster City Park
100 Depot St.
Alabaster, AL 35007
July 30th from 12-2 p.m.

Come enjoy food and fun while getting to meet other families. Be sure to bring the sidewalk chalk, water guns, and any other items your kiddos want to enjoy! For more information, contact Angie Pate at 256-617-1414 (angie.pate@gmail.com). Please RSVP by July 22nd.

Northeast Alabama Family Picnic
July 30th
Time/location TBA

We will be calling and e-mailing families with details!

5th Annual Horne Family Golf Tournament to benefit the SBA of AL

August 7th
Registration 7:30 a.m., shotgun start 8:30 a.m.
FarmLinks Golf Club
386 Talledega Springs Rd.
Sylacauga, AL 35151

For more information, contact Steven Horne at 205-631-7987(shorne9603@yahoo.com), Angie Pate at 256-617-1414(angie.pate@gmail.com), or visit www.spinabifidagolf.kintera.org.

Walk N Roll for Spina Bifida

September 24th
Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Montgomery Zoo
2301 Coliseum Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36110

For more information contact Angie Pate at 256-617-1414(angie.pate@gmail.com), Laura Killough at lkillotr@aim.com, or visit www.walknroll4sbaofal.kintera.org.

Gadsden Bowl-a-thon

October 15th
1-3 p.m. (12:30 registration)
Paradise Lanes

For more information contact Angie Pate at 256-617-1414(angie.pate@gmail.com)

Spina Bifida~Back to the Basics

October 28th
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Children's Hospital Bradley Lecture Center

For more information, contact Betsy Hopson at 205-939-5281(betsy.hopson@childrensal.org).

SBA of AL Membership Form

January 1 – December 31, 2011

We firmly believe that every form completed is another "voice" to help gain supporters, grants, and sponsors. There is no fee for membership. Each person who responds can draw more public and political attention to our mission to promote prevention of Spina Bifida through folic acid awareness while enhancing the lives of all currently affected. Please help us make a difference by completing and returning this information.

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ - _____ - _____

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E-mail: _____

Name of person with Spina Bifida and date of birth:

_____ / ____ / ____

Person with SB is (circle) Male / Female

Please check all items that best describe you.

Parent of a child w/SB

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P.O. Box 13254
Birmingham, AL 35202

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