

Setting Sails



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2022 Spring

SAILS is "Gearing Up" for 32nd Annual ADA Celebration



Dr. Kitty L. Brietzke,
CEO/Development Officer of SAILS

San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) proudly announces our hosting of the 32nd Annual Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) celebration on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Morgan's Wonderland Event Center. Last year, SAILS hosted a virtual ADA celebration but now we are "geared up" for a full blown in-person celebration to promote inclusion, share community resources and recognize community individuals and leaders for their work for the disabled.

Don't miss this year's ADA Celebration! Please be sure to register at our website sailstx.org or call Shawanna Marshall for assistance at 210-281-1878 ext. 124 to obtain your FREE admission ticket. All registered guests who attend the ADA will be entered in a drawing for \$500 cash. See ya there!

Online Request For Services, SAILS Consumers:

<https://sailstx.org>

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SAVE THE DATE:

**SAILS
32nd Annual
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Celebration 2022!**

**July 23rd, 2022, Saturday
8:30am - 1:00pm
Event Center
Morgan's Wonderland**

**Contact Dr. Kitty Brietzke
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kbrietzke@sailstx.org
for details
and sponsor information**



Event Center
Morgan's Wonderland
5223 David Edwards
San Antonio, TX 78233

Mr. Randall Reese Finds Greater Independence With Vehicle Modification

Abel Zamora, Program Director

SAILS recently completed a vehicle modification for Mr. Randall Reese who is a person with significant disabilities. Mr. Reese was completely onboard with following all the requirements to attain his goal of driving independently. He completed an evaluation and driver's training instruction. He was also very patient with the process that took a year.

Mr. Reese was an integral part of creating his own Success Story. He expressed his gratitude to SAILS staff for their help too. His wife Cynthia relayed, "this has helped our family tremendously. Having the ability to drive has given my husband a sense of independence that he has lacked in the past. We have truly felt your sincere compassion for our family."



Mr. Randall Reese finds greater independence with vehicle modification

Ms. Katrina Hennig Can Walk Around With Ease, Her New Leg Stimulator

Savannah Robinson, IL Outreach Specialist

SAILS-Waco was able to assist Ms. Katrina Hennig with her request for a leg stimulator.

This consumer is a 51-year-old female living with her mother, in Belton of Bell County, Texas.

Ms. Hennig has struggled with a condition called drop leg due to multiple sclerosis. This caused her to heavily rely on a walker or wheelchair to travel around her home and community. Though helpful, these aids did not allow Ms. Hennig the full range of motion she desired.

Through SAILS-Waco's staff, Ms. Hennig's request was fulfilled, and she expressed to her IL Specialist, "Oh, it's wonderful! I'm excited to be able to walk around. I used to garden and I'm happy that's something I can begin again."



Ms. Katrina Hennig can walk around with ease, her new leg stimulator

Visit Our Website:
<https://sailstx.org>

Ms. Magdalena Silva Can Hear Everything Now

Abel Zamora, Program Director

Magdalena Silva lives in San Antonio, TX. She contacted SAILS for assistance in obtaining hearing aids.

Mrs. Silva lives with her husband and has struggled to hear conversations. After working closely with SAILS staff, Mrs. Silva was finally able to obtain her hearing aids. She reported she is very happy, stating, "I can hear everything now." The downside is that now she can hear all the background noise as well! It doesn't bother her, though, and she happily tolerates it.

She has no complaints and is just happy that she has her hearing aids now.



Ms. Magdalena Silva can hear everything now

With His New Hearing Aids, Mr. Gerardo Go Removes Stress For His Family

Savannah Robinson, IL Outreach Specialist

Mr. Gerardo Go was aided by SAILS-Waco staff in acquiring much needed hearing aids.

Mr. Go is a 71-year-old male who lives in Copperas Cove, a small community located in Coryell County, Texas. He lives with his wife, their daughter, and her husband and son. He has struggled with hearing loss in his later years, making it difficult for him to speak with his daughter and grandson. These miscommunications caused a lot of stress for his family. He now feels he has removed a lot of stress for his family too.

Consumer Happily Receives Prosthetic Eye

Ciera Fulton, IL Outreach Coordinator

Mr. Britton, 61, of Bosque County was referred to SAILS by Maria at Ocular prosthetics in Waco.

Mr. Britton stated he made a lot of calls trying to get help in his area, and when he reached out to Maria, she informed him of SAILS.

Before coming to SAILS Mr. Britton was depressed and stressed about not having an eye and always having to wear a patch. Mr. Britton stated that people were looking at him different and he became anxious as he thought he would never be able to obtain a prosthetic eye. After receiving the prosthetic eye Mr. Britton stated that his grandkids are no longer afraid to interact with him as they were afraid of the empty socket, he has people coming up to him and not believing that it looks just like his real eye. Mr. Britton stated that he is happy with his product, and he highly recommend SAILS to anyone. He stated that he even keeps the SAILS brochure handy as he is eager for someone to get assistance like he did.

Mr. James Kelsaw Enjoys Mobility With His New Power Wheelchair

Jesus Salazar, IL Outreach Specialist

Consumer James Kelsaw contacted SAILS requesting a power wheelchair.

Mr. Kelsaw lost mobility in his legs and right arm due to a stroke. When I met with Mr. Kelsaw he had a standard wheelchair which due to his limited mobility in his arm used his legs to move the wheelchair. Fortunately on 03/11/22 Mr. Kelsaw received his power wheelchair.

I asked Mr. Kelsaw how his new power wheelchair has helped and he stated: "I can finally get out to pick up my mail and run small errands near my home much easier. I appreciate you and SAILS for all your help."

Mrs. Cheryl Rodriguez Named Her New Prosthetic Leg "Thumper"

Abel Zamora, Program Director

Cheryl Rodriguez lives in San Antonio, Texas. She contacted SAILS for assistance in obtaining a prosthetic leg.

Mrs. Rodriguez lives with her husband and relies heavily on the assistance of her husband and family to be as independent as possible. After working closely with SAILS staff, Mrs. Rodriguez was able to obtain a prosthetic leg through SAILS in February 2022. She reported she is so much happier with her prosthetic leg that she named "Thumper", stating, "It feels so much lighter and fits better than my old one. I couldn't be happier." She is looking forward to increasing her independence even more and doing more things with her family.

She stated, "I have nothing but good things to say about SAILS and the vendor. I'll refer anybody that needs help to you guys and to the vendor!"

Mr. Charles Randall Ivy And His New Action Trackchair In Camo

Savannah Robinson, IL Outreach Specialist

Mr. Charles Randall Ivy was assisted by SAILS-Waco in obtaining his requested power wheelchair - an Action Trackchair!

Mr. Ivy is a 55-year-old male who lives in Moody of Bell County, Texas. This consumer has struggled with mobility due to diabetes. His limitations began to affect his interests, he could no longer visit his goats and chickens or travel the extent of his land.

Mr. Ivy has now received his Action Trackchair, with assistance from his IL Specialist, and states, "It's just amazing! I got it in camo like I wanted- and I've been able to finish my fence and go visit all my critters."



Mr. Charles Randall Ivy and his new action trackchair in camo

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Ms. Carmen Aguilera Moves In Her New Apartment

Theresa Hernandez, IL Outreach Specialist

Ms. Carmen Aguilera was homeless for a long time. She used to live with her mother. After her mother passed away, Ms. Aguilera tried to live on her own.

She came to SAILS Basic IL program and made it a goal to obtain affordable housing. She applied with a few housing programs and income-based properties.

She would stay at different family and friends' homes. She was patient and never gave up on her goal. Finally, one of the properties she had applied with, contacted her.

All her work and patience paid off. She happily moved into her own apartment. Congratulations Carmen Aguilera!



Ms. Carmen Aguilera moves in her new apartment

Mr. Adam Rodriguez Has His New Place As His Home Now

Robert Pena, IL Outreach Specialist

Adam Gutierrez was living with his father and grandmother, south of San Antonio. He moved out in early April.

He is attending UTSA this spring, taking 3 classes. He asked Sandra Martinez with UTSA Well-Being Services, to help him get into temporary campus apartments.

SAILS has also been helping Mr. Gutierrez, to get on waiting lists for group homes. Adam took initiative, and with the help of Ms. Sandra Martinez, was able to obtain an opening with Serenity Group Homes. Adam continues to maintain a 3.0 GPA, and is working towards a Sports Training degree. Adam Gutierrez made the big leap from the home he lived in, most of his life – to transitioning to living independently!

Mr. Otoniel Gutierrez Lives More Independently Now With His New Hearing Aids

Jesus Salazar, IL Outreach Specialist

Consumer Otoniel Gutierrez contacted SAILS requesting hearing aids.

Mr. Gutierrez received hearing aids on 04/01/22. ILS contacted consumer to follow up after he had received hearing aids. Consumer stated: "It has been an adjustment getting used to hearing again, I like that I can talk to my wife and family and listen to music and enjoy television."

Mr. Gutierrez also stated: "Thanks to SAILS I can live more independently."

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March

- 1- Fish City Grill Fundraiser/Culebra
- 4- SAILS Gateway to Abilities Support Group
- 8- SAILS Staff Meeting
- 9- SAILS Board of Director's Meeting
- 11- SAILS ADA Planning Meeting
- 16- LEAP Conference

April

- 1- SAILS Gateway to Abilities Support Group
- 8- Battle of Flowers Holiday
- 12- SAILS Staff Meeting
- 14- SAILS ADA Planning Meeting
- 15- Good Friday Holiday
- 27- Administrative Professionals Day

May

- 6- SAILS Gateway to Abilities Support Group
- 6- Tour of Morgan's Wonderland Event Center
- 10- SAILS Staff Meeting
- 12- SAILS ADA Planning Meeting
- 31- Memorial Day Holiday

A Donation From The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 837 To SAILS

Kitty Brietzke, J.D., CEO

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 837 is part of a nonprofit organization that serves the military and their families. Commander Utley and Post 837 members presented a donation of \$500 to SAILS through their funds from a charitable bingo.



SAILS Board Secretary Rodney Harris, Liz Boykin (member) and Kevin LeMelle (member) thanked Commander Utley

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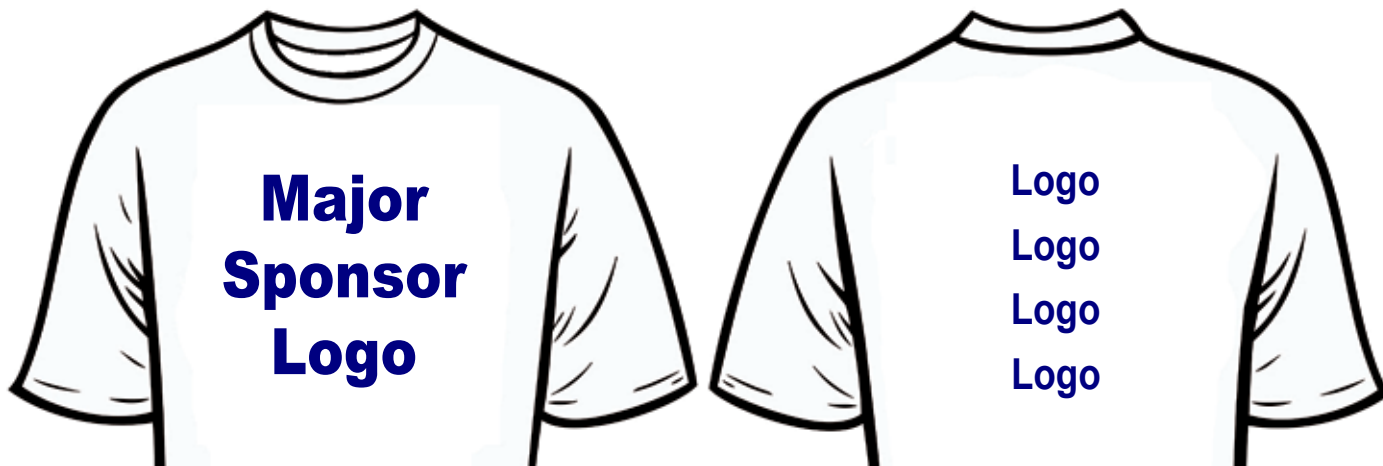
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Sponsorship of Free T-Shirts To All Attendees of 2022 ADA Celebration Event

Besides Care Package, Free Lunch, Free Bottled Water,
Every Attendee of this Annual ADA Celebration Event Also
Receives a Free Commemorative 32nd ADA Anniversary T-Shirt

Your Logo Will Be On 2022 ADA Commemorative T-Shirt



Your Opportunity To Be Sponsor Of 2022 Commemorative 32nd ADA Anniversary T-Shirt

Email Your Company Name with Logo Attachment
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