

Scheduled -

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. . .

RICHIE'S WALK

"Bringing People Together"

November 9th, 2012



9:45 a.m. – Noon

Flowing Wells High School Football Field

Richie's Walk provides FWHS students the opportunity to spend a fun morning as a partner to a person with special needs as they participate in games/activities. The day is designed to help us all realize that we are: ***much more alike, than different!***

Richie's Walk is also a *fundraiser* for the **American Cancer Society, Local Chapter**, in memory of Richard Frontain, who had special needs but lost his battle to cancer.

Cost: FREE

Suggested donation to the American Cancer Society = \$2.00

Of course no one will be turned away for lack of a donation

Sponsored by the Independent Life Skills Dept. Flowing Wells H.S.

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Dear Richard,

As you and Sharon know, the Independent Life Skills Dept. at FWHS provides students with disabilities opportunities to practice life skills, job skills and social skills in order to promote independence. Our students have developmental disabilities, physical disabilities or are multiple handicapped, yet we are proud of our record...99% of our graduates over the past 15 years have gone on to post-secondary opportunities such as working in the community, supervised work, or day programs!

Richie's Walk is the annual disability-awareness event our students host. Hundreds of people with special needs, of all ages come to FWHS for a morning of fun activities on the football field. Each one is paired with a non-disabled high school student. The event is free of charge. We provide lunch, beverages, prizes and snacks for all participants as well as rent a jumping castle. This event is 15 years old and never has a h.s. partner ever claimed it was a waste of time. Instead we have received responses such as, "My partner could do a lot more than I thought he could," and "That morning changed my life!" Richie's Walk is also a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society in memory of my brother, so all donations go directly to the local chapter, yet the event remains Free of charge.

In addition to RW, our Life Skills Dept. hosts/supports events in conjunction with every h.s. Life Skills Program in Southern AZ through a group I started called the Tucson Life Skill Educators. We generally provide the "goodies" for each event such as, the Oct. Scavenger Hunt which begins at each school and ends at the U of A Mall (prizes, Eegees), the annual Fall Dance at Armoury Park (prizes, and party favors), our Talent Show in Jan. (prizes), etc...

I am requesting \$1000.00 from the Board of Supervisors, but any amount the Board can provide will be greatly appreciated, and as you can see, well used to benefit hundreds of special needs students across the valley.

Of course, we would love to have any or all of the Board Members visit our program anytime or one of our community events.

Thank you for always being so supportive our "special kids", Richard and Sharon, and thank you to all the Board Members as well.

Sincerely,



Maria Frontain

Independent Life Skills Dept. Chair; 2002 AZ Teacher of the Year

October 2012

Dear Richard Elias and Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Richie's Walk is just around the corner, *Friday November 9th, 9:00 a.m. until Noon*, and we are asking for your support.

Richie's Walk is an annual disability-awareness fair designed to partner non-disabled high school students with people of all ages who have special needs, for a morning of fun, fair-like activities on the football field of Flowing Wells H.S. All prizes, activities, lunches and beverages are provided free of charge. The day is designed to help us all realize that we are "***MORE ALIKE, THAN DIFFERENT.***"

Richie's Walk is also a fundraiser for the local chapter of the **American Cancer Society** in memory of Richard Frontain, who had special needs but lost his battle to cancer.

We are asking for the donation of the following:

\$500.00 donation to off-set costs of prizes, food and drinks

Whether you are able to provide all, or even part of the requested donation, we will be grateful. Last year we had over 600 total participants...and about 300 were people with special needs ranging in age from 3 years to 70 years!

Thanks you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Maria Frontain, Independent Life Skills Dept. Chair; Flowing Wells H.S.; 696-8068

