



News Roundup

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER



Out here we raise spirits.

"When I first heard about Zajac Ranch I was a little unsure about it because I didn't know if I would be able to participate in any of the activities until me and my parents took a tour of the camp. After the tour I knew that Zajac Ranch was my place for camp. I had never been away from my family for that long but I knew the camp was safe. So in 2007 it was my first year at camp and I had one of the best times of my life. Camp is so much fun even my parents wanted to go.

At Zajac Ranch there are a lot of activities like high ropes, a rock wall, horse back riding, swimming, arts and crafts, archery, camp fires and a talent show on the last night of camp. At camp there is also cabin time, a gym, and an outside field. I like a lot of the things we do at camp and this year at camp will be my 4th year.

Hailey, age 10,
Cerebral Palsy Camp



THE MEL JR. & MARTY
ZAJAC FOUNDATION
for Seniors & Children

Time of My Life!

SUMMER 2010 WILL BE HAILEY'S FOURTH YEAR ATTENDING THE ZAJAC RANCH FOR CHILDREN!

A MESSAGE FROM RAE-ANN, HAILEY'S MOTHER

When we discovered Zajac Ranch we were filled with an overpowering sense of relief.

After taking a tour of the Ranch, our family was so excited; we finally found a camp that understood Hailey's physical needs and allowed her to be part of all the camp activities while keeping her safe. After the tour, Hailey declared that she wanted to go to camp for a whole week. This statement coming from a child who had never spent a night away from family, and who also didn't want anything to do with being at any summer camp before taking a tour of Zajac Ranch.

The 2010 camp season will be Hailey's fourth year at Zajac Ranch. It is her 'special place' where she gets to try all of the activities, and relishes the fact that being hoisted up on the high-ropes makes me a little queasy but gives Hailey such a thrill! The Zajac Ranch has allowed Hailey to be herself, and is a place where her disability isn't anything out of the ordinary. But most of all, for me, her utmost safety is always ensured, and she is never left on the 'side-lines'.



Ten-year old Hailey has cerebral palsy and came to her first summer camp at the Zajac Ranch for Children in 2007.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

The "We Are The Champions" Spring Break family camp from March 12th-14th was an event of Olympic proportions! All of the campers "athletes" partook in the winter events and got a chance to go for the gold. Throughout the weekend we curled, played hockey, climbed high ropes, rode horses, created flags, and toured all of the Canadian provinces for the ceremonial torch relay.

Perhaps the greatest moment was when each and every camper displayed their graceful ice dancing routine as the final event! Even though the games came to an end at the Zajac Ranch we met many new friends and saw some familiar faces that we'll hopefully see back again!

Without the generous support of our donors and volunteers this camp, which is so special to our campers and their families, would not be possible. Thank you to all the campers and volunteers that rocked the Zajac games this year!



APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEO

We are pleased to announce that **Russell Cullingworth** has joined the Zajac Foundation as Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining the Zajac Foundation Russell held the position of Director, Finance and Facilities for Canuck Place Children's Hospice. Russell holds a Bachelor of Accounting Science degree from the University of South Africa and an MBA from Simon Fraser University's Executive MBA program.



SUMMER REGISTRATION REMINDER

SUMMER CAMP SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

June 25 – August 27

Get your application in early so you won't be disappointed!

Visit www.zajacranch.com for further information.



"My camp experience was amazing; I really enjoyed the Archery and "Derby Day." I liked meeting other kids with the same illness, who understand what you're going through daily...I can't wait until next summer!"

Alliya, age 13,
Gastro-Intestinal Camp

NEW INDOOR/OUTDOOR THERAPEUTIC POOL AND SPA COMPLEX

Our new 11,200 sq.ft. Indoor/Outdoor Therapeutic Pool and Spa complex is fully wheelchair accessible and is designed to ensure that children with mobility issues can participate in our water activities. The complex is designed with a mining theme that includes a "wheelchair track" around the pool that leads you through a tunnel and waterfall and has changing rooms designed like mine shafts.

The building includes a therapeutic spa funded by the **Abercrombie Foundation**, the **Hugh W. Ingraham** physiotherapy room, a wellness/exercise facility in honour of **Greg Moore** and a still to be named general store where children can choose their favourite souvenir in memory of their camp experience at the Zajac Ranch for Children!



LOOK FOR ZAJAC RANCH ECOVIDEO MESSAGES IN YOUR EMAIL

ecovideo and its parent company, **Congo Communications**, have been proud supporters of the Zajac Foundation and the Zajac Ranch for Children since 2002, facilitating the creation of video messages that allow the Zajac executive to communicate to their stakeholders, via email, the websites, and social media sites such as facebook & twitter.

The Zajac Ranch for Children would like to say thank you to **ecovideo** for their invaluable support.

ecovideo is the effective and efficient way to communicate... fast, inexpensive, and eco-friendly.(www.ecovideo.ca).

In November 2009 we started issuing regular messages featuring local personalities such as **Trevor Linden, Vicki Gabereau, Chris Gailus, and Tony Parsons**. Visit our website at www.zajacranch.com to view all of our previously issued ecovideos or call the Zajac Foundation office at 604.739.0444 to receive future ecovideos.



EVENT REMINDER

46TH ANNUAL ZAJAC MEN'S GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Richmond Golf & Country Club

Visit www.zajacranch.com for further information





JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



We are happy to announce our official presence on FaceBook.

Join our FaceBook Group to share stories, photos, videos and camp experiences. This group is for everyone to join and share their memories.

Alternately, tell us you "like" us on our official Zajac Ranch for Children FaceBook Page. The page is where you can get official news, updates, videos and photos from us.



MEL ZAJAC IN 2010 PARALYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Mel Zajac was invited by **Graham MacLachlan** of **RBC** to run in this year's 2010 Paralympic Games Torch Relay on March 11 in Vancouver. Congratulations on a well deserved honour!

And, congratulations to RBC on both 2010 Olympic Torch Relays!



VISIT OUR BRAND NEW ONLINE WISH LIST



It takes a lot to operate a camp all summer. You can help! Visit our online gift catalogue at www.charitygiftbag.org, or visit www.zajacranch.com and click on our online wish list.

Know someone who has everything? Send a child to camp, or buy something special for the camp on their behalf and send them a beautiful e-card.

"2008 was my first visit to Zajac Ranch. I was so nervous (so was my Mom) about going, as I had never been away from my family for more than one night at a time. My stay at Zajac was so positive and so much fun, I could hardly wait to go again this year. I loved all the activities-kayaking, swimming, horseback riding, rock climbing, to name a few. The food was great, and the people I met were incredible! Having Downs, Autism and speech paraxial can be tough at times, but at Zajac, I can just be me."

– Brian, age 16,
Down Syndrome Camper
(Written by my Mom Susan)





LISTEN TO TEAM 1040 AND 1410 RADIO

Thanks to a donation of advertising airtime by one of our generous supporters and matched by **Team 1040 Radio**, who also produced the ads at no cost, the Zajac Ranch for Children will be running ads for eight weeks commencing April 7, 2010.

The ads will showcase interviews with **Trevor Linden**, a director of the Zajac Foundation, and three of our star campers. The ads will also be running on Team 1410 AM Radio. Thank you Team 1040!



WATCH GLOBAL TV

Global TV has been a strong supporter of the Zajac Foundation and the Zajac Ranch for Children for many years and through their support they have played an integral role in creating awareness and opportunities for the Zajac Ranch for Children. Once again, Global TV has agreed to produce a Zajac Ranch for Children public service announcement which will air periodically on Global TV.

Thank you, Global TV, for your support!



THERAPEUTIC RIDING LESSONS

Therapeutic Riding lessons are now available year round at the Zajac Ranch for Children.

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals with special medical needs to experience an invigorating form of exercise, recreation, and a new sense of freedom.

For further information visit our website at www.zajacranch.com or contact **Linda Smith**, Equestrian Director, by phone at 604.462.8305 or email linda@zajacranch.com.



"We feel so blessed that you gave Nathan the opportunity to see that there are other children out there, many others like him who face the challenge of having a neurological disorder everyday of their lives, but it doesn't have to change who you are. Nathan learned to accept himself, to feel capable and proud of who he is, and even told me he likes himself for the first time. Nathan knows he is loved, but it meant so much hearing it from other people who he only just met.

At last he fit in completely. Nathan bonded with some wonderful camp leaders who made him feel so important and cherished. The friends he made will always be remembered for the impact they had on him and the fun they shared. Every child deserves to experience the great times and feel as important as Nathan did at camp."

– Sherry, mother of Nathan, age 9, Autism Spectrum Disorder Camper



"As Eric's parent I would like to send a big thank you to the numerous people and sponsors who make Zajac Ranch possible. It is an incredible opportunity for the entire family to grow and learn. We have all come away from Eric's time at camp with an expanded experience of what each member of our family can achieve. Eric has expanded his personal knowledge and experience of what he can do but we, his family, have also expanded our comfort zone with Eric being on his own. I think the next time around we will all enjoy ourselves more because we will all be less anxious!"

– Linda, mother of Eric, age 9,
Autism Spectrum Disorder Camp



THANK YOU!

We would like to say Thank You to ALL the individuals, community groups, corporations, and charities that have helped us raise spirits. Although we are unable to mention everyone here, some of our recent donors are:

The Italian Boys Club Society donated \$30,000 raised at their annual luncheon in December 2009.

The Honourable John Reynolds donated shares valued at \$152,000.

A \$1,000 donation was received from **Investors Group**.

T.O.R. The Office Resource donated \$550 in lieu of corporate gift giving during the Christmas season.

A \$2,500 donation was received from **Cloudworks Energy Inc.**

Bob and Susan LeBlevec raised \$9,500 at their 2009 BS Invitational Curling Bonspiel for the Zajac Ranch for Children.

Finning International Ltd. donated \$10,000 as the final installment of a 3-year commitment.

Overwaitea Food Group donated a kiosk for the Equestrian Centre to be used as an office and for parents and guests to watch the children.

A grant for \$2,000 was received from **CKNW Orphans' Fund** for the Campership Program.

A donation of \$1,500 was received from **Frobisher Securities Ltd.**

Modern PURAIR provided their services to clean the air ducts at the Zajac Ranch to keep the air clean for the children.



Leave a Legacy Gift

TO THE ZAJAC RANCH FOR CHILDREN AND RAISE THE SPIRITS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS

At the Zajac Ranch for Children our mission is to raise the spirits of children with serious and chronic illnesses and disabilities by providing the joy of summer camp.

At the Zajac Ranch, campers can experience the often unique sensation of not being "different". They can interact with other children who truly understand what they are going through, forging lasting friendships. They can increase their confidence, independence and self-esteem, and accomplish things they never dreamed were possible. The lives of special needs children often revolve around what they can't do; at the Zajac Ranch, we focus on what they can do, turning tears and fears into laughter and smiles.

The Zajac Ranch for Children has removed many barriers that existed between children with special medical needs and the magic of summer camp: we have created a safe and supportive environment of caring staff and volunteers, state-of-the-art medical equipment, and fully accessible facilities. However, financial barriers still exist. All campers receive half the cost of sending them to camp and some as much as 100%. Our goal is to have all campers come to camp free of charge. With such specialized training and personalized programming and equipment costs, as well as the need for a smaller than average camper-to-counselor ratio, the cost of a week at the Zajac Ranch is still beyond the means of many

families. It is our goal to ensure that all children with special medical needs can attend our summer camps regardless of their financial circumstances.

All children, regardless of their medical needs, deserve the opportunity to experience summer camp. We cannot do this alone. We require the continuing support of the community to ensure that as many of these special children as possible are offered this opportunity.

Leaving a financial legacy or planned gift helps to create sustainable financial support for the Zajac Ranch for Children. It is a means of making a gift that maximizes the tax and estate planning benefits to the donor. It is also a reflective process that takes time, careful thought and above all, provides meaningful outcomes.

Legacy giving does not need to affect current financial circumstances and often involves the use of wills, life insurance policies, endowments and trusts. Legacy giving can also include immediate gifts of cash, property, listed securities and other types of assets.

If you would like to find out how you can leave a legacy by supporting our Campership Program to send children to camp, or by contributing to a capital improvement project at the Zajac Ranch, please visit the Zajac Ranch for Children website at www.zajacranch.com or telephone 604.739.0444.



Ways You Can Help

- Help sponsor a child through a monetary contribution
- Host an Event
- Donations in Honour of a loved one (in memorium, birthday, wedding, anniversary)
- Leave a Legacy – Charitable Bequests
- Volunteer at the Zajac Ranch
- Donate In-Kind Gifts
- Designate your United Way Donations to go to the Zajac Foundation

DONATE ONLINE

Visit www.zajacranch.com to make a donation or learn more about the Ranch.

We're making it even easier to raise spirits.

Donate online at www.zajacranch.com

Yes! I WANT TO HELP RAISE THE SPIRITS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS.

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I WISH TO DONATE

- \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500
- Send a child to camp \$1,000 I would prefer to donate: \$ _____
- Monthly Credit Card Payments of \$ _____

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- MasterCard VISA Cheque

If you are making your donation by credit card, please print clearly below. Please make cheques payable to The Zajac Ranch for Children. A tax receipt will be issued to you for your donation.

Name on card: _____

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