

Team Activities for Special Kids

Annual Report 2012



The mission of Team Activities for Special Kids, or TASK, is to enrich the lives of kids with special needs by providing athletic and social opportunities. We're proud to say we've never turned away a child because of their ability level. Modifications are made to guarantee the safety and success of each participant.

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HOME SWEET HOME

TASK Opens Doors to New Facility

"Home Sweet Home" This classic comforting phrase is proudly displayed on the marquee of TASK's new property at 980 Horan in Fenton, MO. On Sunday, February 26th, over 250 members of the TASK community read this warm greeting as they made their way up the drive for the anxiously anticipated open house. TASK has longed for a chance to expand its organization beyond rented gymnasiums and overgrown tee ball fields. That afternoon, parents and staff joyfully celebrated a dream 15 years in the making.

Executive Director/Founder Deb Freund, Assistant Executive Director Jen Pranger, and a team of volunteer guides welcomed each athlete and family member to the new location and led short tours around the property. Renderings of future building renovations to convert this property and building to meet TASK's needs were on display. Prior to TASK's acquisition, this property served as the United Auto Worker's Union Hall, resting on 11.5 acres in the Fenton Industrial Area. As the sketches expressed, the current facilities will soon be transformed into an unbelievable facility for children and adults with special needs.



Right:
Proposed
Gym to
include 2
courts
and
dance
studio.

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The timeline for the building renovation is divided into phases. Phase 1 must be complete before programs are moved to the new location. Projects planned include creating two outdoor softball fields and a soccer field, converting the hall into a gymnasium with two basketball courts and a dance area, expanding the current kitchen with enough space and appliances to hold classes and creating a sensory room. Other projects in subsequent phases include putting a deck around the pond, building a fishing dock, installing a putting green and building an addition to house the fitness center, art studio and a game/rec room where kids can hang out, play Wii, air hockey or fuse ball.

We hope by the fall of 2012 to host our first program on site at the new facility. In order to make the facility complete, we are continuing to raise funds through our Capital Campaign and on-going fundraisers.

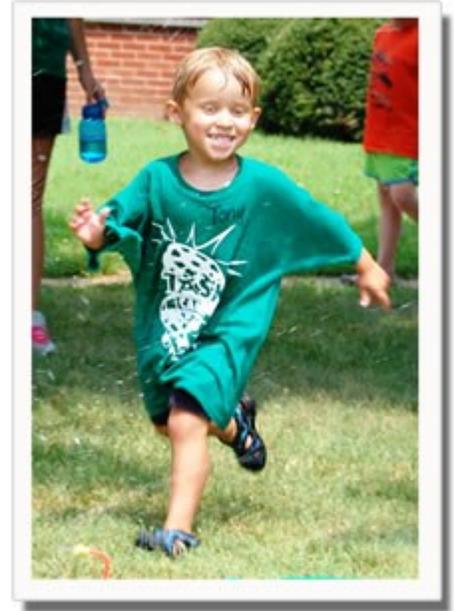
Play

Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK) is a nonprofit 501(c)3, year-round instructional sports program that provides athletic and social opportunities to kids with special needs. The purpose of the program is to help build self-esteem and skills in children with special needs. Each athlete receives a team t-shirt and trophy upon completion of the sport.

TASK offers a variety of programs and activities for our athletes. Individual sports, team sports, life skills and other classes are offered to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs. Athletes are divided into teams based on ages and skill level and are supported by a group of volunteers. At TASK, we modify the activities as needed to ensure each athlete finds success. Through these successes, we have seen our participants grow in self-esteem, skill and confidence.

You can play at TASK and pay per sport. Scholarships are available. TASK welcomes many age levels and all types of disabilities. If you are unsure TASK is for you, we welcome you to take a tour of the facility, observe a program or contact the TASK office with any questions or concerns.

TASK offers programs throughout the year. The year is divided into 4 seasons with 2-6 week sessions in each. Below is a list of our programs and activities which were offered throughout 2012.



Winter

- Basketball
- Game Night
- Boot Camp
- Bowling
- Floor Hockey
- Kids in Motion
- Aerobics
- Holly Day Camp

Spring

- Cooking
- Golf
- TASK Act
- Bowling
- Kickball
- Yoga
- Visit with the Easter Bunny

Summer

- Indoor Soccer
- Tee ball & Softball
- Interval Training
- Bowling
- Outdoor Soccer
- TASK Act
- Weight Training
- CBC/TASK Camp
- TASK Camp

Fall

- Volleyball
- Ball Activities
- Kids in Motion
- Zumba
- Bowling
- Arts and Crafts
- Drama
- Fall Festival

Where We Play

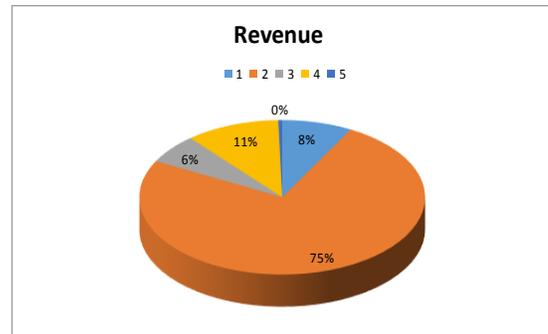
Since 1996, TASK activities took place at different locations across South and West St. Louis County where we rented facilities on an as-needed basis. In February 2012, we achieved a major milestone when we purchased 11.5 acres in Fenton. This location will be the consistent location we have been working so hard to achieve. The TASK Facility will host all activities, fundraisers and give us plenty of rooms to expand our current programming. The site will include a regulation size soccer field, 2 softball fields, a gymnasium with 2 basketball courts, a fitness center, art studio, game room, classrooms, walking track, fishing pond and much, much more. We are currently engaged in a capital campaign to raise the money to complete these phases of development.

Also, as our athletes get older, it seems there are fewer and fewer opportunities for adults with special needs to socialize and stay fit in a safe accepting environment. This is another need we could fill with a new facility.

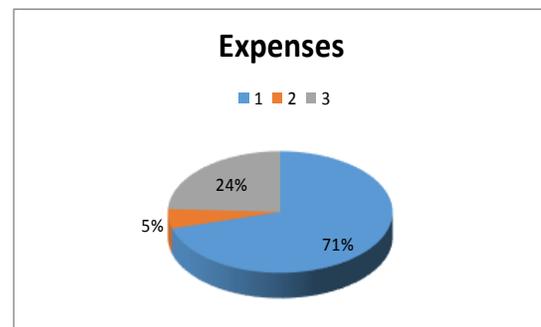
FY2012 - Highlights

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

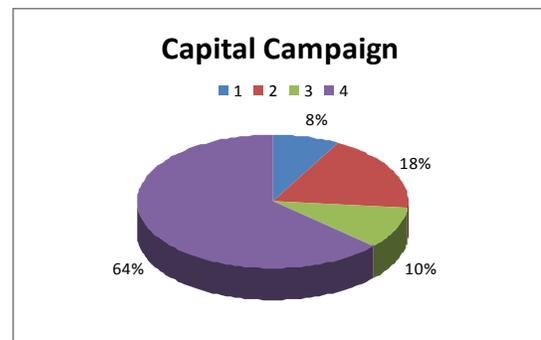
Revenue	
1. Giving	86,752
2. Fundraising	815,267
3. Grants	66,774
4. Capital Campaign	116,495
5. Other	4,845



Expenses	
1. Program Services	372,956
2. Mgmt & General	27,403
3. Fundraising	127,798



- Capital Campaign - Goal 4.5 Million	
2010	577,700
2011	1,291,769
2012	735,326
Goal	4,500,000

**Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,266,935
Restricted Cash		125,000
Pledges Receivables		127,180
Note Receivables		50,000
Prepaid Insurance		2,236
Fixed Assets		2,140,874
Construction in Progress		<u>34,208</u>
Total	\$	<u>3,746,433</u>

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$	140,639
Long Term Debt		<u>705,499</u>
Total	\$	846,138

Net Assets

Unrestricted Board Designated	\$	439,014
Unrestricted Operating		<u>2,291,976</u>
Total	\$	2,730,990
Temporarily Restricted		<u>169,305</u>
Total		<u>2,900,295</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u>3,746,433</u>

STAFF

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Who We Are

TASK is possible because of a group of dedicated volunteers from a variety of backgrounds including classroom teachers, special education teachers, adaptive physical education teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech/language pathologists, high school students, college students and parents.

With so much expertise, these volunteers are able to give the athletes a wide range of support to help them become successful. So far, hundreds of volunteers have contributed their unique talents and energy to make the TASK program a success.

Support for Parents

Having a child with special needs affects every member of the family. One of the most valuable aspects of TASK is the network of support it provides for the parents and siblings of children with special needs. Parents are able to discuss concerns, share ideas and identify with other parents in similar or not-so-similar situations

Other Activities & Fundraisers

In 1998, TASK held its first TASK Banquet honoring athletes, volunteers and supporters. It's now an annual event. We share a great meal, athletes are presented with medals, and volunteers and supporters are recognized with tokens of appreciation.

In 1999, TASK was the nonprofit organization chosen to help Spirittas Construction Company hand out the bricks and seats from the old St. Louis Arena.

In 2012, the St. Louis Rams invited TASK Athletes to come out for an evening of fun and bowling with the Rams Rookies. They also generously provided our organization with tickets for more than one game, for our participants to cheer on our favorite football team at a home game.

We've been recognized several times by the St. Louis Cardinals and have been able to take athletes to Cardinals games, be on the field and be a part of Tony LaRussa's Troop and Daryl Kyle's Kids.

The St. Louis Blues have also invited us to Blues games and to be a part of Chris Pronger's Pack. TASK has been spotlighted several times on KSDK Channel 5.

In 1998, its second year in existence, TASK was awarded the Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis' Outstanding Recreation Program. Other accolades include the 2005 Special School District Special Ambassador Award and the 2006 Mehlville School District Community Kindness Award.

In 2005, the TASK Director was recognized by Harlequin as the recipient of their "More than Words Award" in an international search. The \$10,000 gift assisted in the purchase of a truck and trailer.

In order to support our growing program, TASK has sponsored a variety of fundraisers. We've held raffles, worked Old Newsboys' Days, sold Westfield Works Wonders tickets, sold wrapping paper, created and sold our own cookbook, worked St. Louis Cardinal games, recycled old cell phones and sold entertainment books. We've also sponsored casino nights, golf tournaments, dinner dances and trivia nights.

