

Celebrating over 30 Years of Adventure!



Katy Porter, President
Bob Engler
T.O. Kiwanis

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Dear Katy, Bob, Nick, Norm and T.O Kiwanis volunteers,

Thank you once again for your generous donation to our special event for people with disabilities, the "Wheel to the Sea". We had a great turn out for this spring event, with one of the largest groups ever participating. Volunteer hikers became wheelchair pushers for folks who rarely, if ever, got a chance to experience the joy and excitement of a guided nature hike.

The group of over 170 the energy to progress along the 5 mile trail through sandy stream bed crossings and rutted and rocky terrain to reach the Pacific Ocean. The birds and colorful wildflowers made the trek a beautiful journey through the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The ocean breeze welcomed the excited participants as they crossed Pacific Coast Highway to the applause of on-lookers and the hearty barbecue provided by your Kiwanis Club was enjoyed by all. Wheelchair users also took advantage of our special beach wheelchairs that utilize oversize balloon-type flotation tires to roll over the sand and down to the surf where participants dipped their feet in the ocean.

Volunteers and participants alike took away memories of their accomplishments, success, and new-found friendships. We are all looking forward to the next Wheel to the Sea event on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**. Once again, we are also reaching out to and welcoming **Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans** as wheelchair participants and volunteers.

As a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, The Wilderness Institute relies on the generosity of groups like yours in order to continue to provide these important outdoor enrichment experiences for people with disabilities. Again, thank you for your support of our events and your generous \$750 donation.

Sincerely,

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"Push Your Limits ...Experience the Adventure!"

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