

# SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY FUN DAY

*“Dedicated to providing a special day to those with special needs”*

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Our family, in association with Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs, invite you to participate in the tenth annual “Special Needs Family Fun Day”. This exciting event has entertained thousands of individuals with special needs and their families since its inception in 2001, and this year’s event will entertain well over a hundred individuals and their families on Saturday, October 9th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Let me share a little about why my husband and I chose to organize a day full of fun and activities for our disabled community members:

We are full-time caregivers for our son Christopher, aged thirty-six, who was born with Cerebral Palsy. When we go out into the community, we have to deal with the frustration of requiring special needs in a “normal” world. Individuals with special needs face a range of frustrations, whether it’s being uncomfortably stared at in public, or having to ask for special accommodations at a restaurant. All of these limitations make it very difficult, or impossible, for those with special needs to enjoy the fun activities that are prominent on our Grand Strand.

Rather than succumb to these frustrations we decided to dedicate our time and energy to give those with special needs and their families a chance to spend time together in a setting that allows the special needs individual to feel normal. All of the fun activities are geared towards those with special needs, so that they can just be themselves and enjoy a day dedicated solely to them.

Along with our friends and volunteers, we work hard to ensure that all of the wants and needs of the special individuals are met at the Family Fun Day. Please look through the listing of activities and photographs. In viewing these, we hope that you will see the effort everyone gives to make the event enjoyable for all.

All the volunteers and contributors know that by the end of the day, 1) all of the special needs guests will go home knowing that they are normal, and 2) their volunteer efforts helped us realize our dream to make the most of the day for those community members who have the least.

We invite you to become part of this wonderful event, and to help keep the dream alive.

Sincerely,

Davis, Elaine, and Christopher Lee