



2017 Dixie Games

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Dear Friend of the Dixie Games,

In support of our mission to enhance the lives of children and adults with physical disabilities through competitive sports, the 2017 Dixie Games will take place in Hudson, FL May 12-14, 2017. It will be hosted by Pasco County Tourism and Pasco County Parks & Recreation Departments in partnership with the Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association. This is a significant opportunity for this growing local team to display their talent and for the local fan base to support them.

This is the 37th year for the Dixie Games. As a result, this event attracts athletes, families, coaches, and officials from throughout the United States as well as international athletes. It includes first time athletes to world class Paralympians. Juniors range from 5 - 21 years of age. We have especially been reaching out to the injured servicemen and women; as competitive sports contributes to returning to a healthy lifestyle following their dedicated service to our country. Olympic style competitions are held in track & field, swimming, archery, table tennis, fencing, hand cycling, and weightlifting.

The **2016 Summer Paralympic Games** was the fifteenth Paralympics taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Dixie Games was a track and field qualifier for Paralympic hopefuls vying for their spot to represent Team USA in Rio as it will be sanctioned by the International Paralympic Committee. This prestigious event will be a great opportunity to showcase the Pasco County, Florida, area to participants from all over the United States and abroad. We are proud to be offered the use of the wonderful facilities at Pasco County.

We are currently seeking sponsors to help cover expenses associated with planning this event. We are anticipating over 150 athletes with various physical impairments such as cerebral palsy, visual impairments, amputations/limb deficiencies, and spinal cord injuries to attend this competition, along with over 600 family members, friends, coaches, and volunteers.

We have included sponsorship information for your review and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you regarding how we may work together to support this event. We look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

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