

Pacific Swimming Disability Committee update

September 24, 2014

The water safety and learn-to-swim program began in April at Santa Clara Swim Club. It is part of their overall "Special Abilities Learn to Swim" initiative. There are 27 participants in the general program and six of them receive scholarships from the grant support provided by Pacific Swimming.

Here is some data about those participants:

Initials	Age	Disability	Start date	Scholarship	Progress notes
RC	16	Cerebral palsy	May 3	72.00	RC was acclimated to the water and enjoying the lessons but had to stop after just one month due to scheduling conflicts and hopes to return. He is now water safe and knows what to do in case of emergency.
AW	6	Cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cognitive condition	June 15	267.50	AW has become comfortable in the water, kicks his legs with the assistance of his instructor, blows bubbles and goes underwater.
NP	4	Autism	June 2	284.00	NP has learned to be very comfortable in the water. He enjoys kicking and splashing and he is able to kick with the assistance of his instructor or a barbell in streamline position.
SL	13	Autism	May 3	355.00	SL can swim freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and is currently learning butterfly. She is graduating to the developmental program and plans to compete on the swim team.
CA	4	Autism	July 7	213.00	CA very comfortable in the water and is kicking very close to independently under the water.
PS	3	Autism	August 4	71.00	PS and his twin, JS, are splitting a scholarship.
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TOTAL				\$1333.50	

None of these participants needed funding for transportation. Tyr generously donated swim suits and goggles for the kids.

The instructors enjoy teaching the individual lessons and parents are very pleased with the progress of their children. They are also grateful for the support from Pacific Swimming and would not be able to afford the lessons otherwise.