## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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Dear Friend,

Thanks to your generous support, 2015 has been another extremely successful year in which Global Opportunities Unlimited has been able to continue building our many programs that allow individuals with disabilities to "ADAPT, OVERCOME, and SUCCEED.



wheelchair basketball Our program has greatly been strengthened through the year. This came about by bringing different programs together. Wheelchair basketball now covers all ages and abilities. In addition to fun weekly practices the program comprises of two talented teams, highly Southwest Junior Rollin Lobos who made it to the "final four" of



the NWBA National tournament in Louisville Kentucky and are considered by many to be one of the top Junior teams in the Country. The adult competitive team is the long established Albuquerque Kings. In January they were the host team at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Duke City wheelchair basketball tournament. We had 7 states and 8 teams represented that compete in the highest division of wheelchair basketball. Arizona played amazingly and won this year's tournament.

Our adapted pontoon boat that we acquired last year is now truly "broken in" One of the most popular locations that we fish remains Bluewater State Park, where our primary quarry is the hard fighting Tiger Muskie. Once again our



thanks go out to the members of the New Mexico chapter of Muskies Inc. for all their assistance out at Bluewater. Ute lake is another favorite offering a much greater variety of species, most of which are also great eating.



With the support of landowners and ranchers we continue to add locations for youth adaptive fishing trips. In 2016 we will be fishing and barbequing at a private lake in the Jemez Mountains.

In forthcoming events we will be re-launching our website in the near future (www.gounlimited.org). The new format will provide more real time information of events and become the go-to resource for information regarding adaptive sports and activities in New Mexico.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Albuquerque Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. The Albuquerque Kings wheelchair basketball team, a program of Global Opportunities Unlimited, is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Duke City Classic coming up January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at Johnson's Gym on the UNM Campus. The Duke City Classic is the only wheelchair basketball tournament in New Mexico. It is a one of a kind event that pits some of the best wheelchair basketball teams in the country against each other. Last year we had 7 states and some 80 wheelchair users compete in the tournament and we anticipate even more states and athletes to join in on the excellent opportunity this year. We need your help to make this tournament the best yet. Be a part of this exciting event while supporting disabled sports in New Mexico.

As always my most sincere and heartfelt thanks goes out to our tireless volunteers. Their help with everything from administrative tasks, to fundraising, to providing "muscle" for our rugged outdoors and sports programs no doubt makes GOU the organization it is today.

With your continued support we will be able to further develop our programs and increase the number of disabled children and adults we can serve. Together we can enrich the lives of many such individuals, and assist in their pursuit of activities that are normally only accessible to the able bodied.

Sincerely,

**Dustin Berg** 

**Executive Director** 

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