

On One Beautiful Saturday



Joining us on this gorgeous Saturday in July was Rizuto's Ice Cream, Stan's Funnel Cakes, Briumvi infusion therapies, Canine Partners of the Rockies, The Independence Center, Kindness Rock Painting, Lifeway Mobility, Representatives from Medicare and Medicaid, the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging, the PIMA Medical Institute, Porchlight Friends, Rare Patient Voices, Relax the Back, Rocky Mountain PACE, Stable Strides, Westpeak Mobility, Star Wars Storm Troopers, and a variety of others!

Event Spotlight



THE MSA's Christmas in July

by Joy Blackburn MSA Staff Writer

As the dust settles and the clean-up from our Christmas in July event concludes, we find ourselves with full and grateful hearts. The aim of this event — positioned on the calendar almost equidistance from the Christmas that's passed and the one yet to come — is to assure members that we care how they are doing all year round, not just in the traditional season of charitable giving. MS, after all, never takes a break. Neither does the MSA.

Nikki Pfeiffer and the MSA team reached out to vendors all across the Front Range, and the response was electric. We are fortunate to live in such a generous part of the country. The product- and service-providers who joined us — over 25 in total — thought hard about what would appeal to our community. They then took the time to pack up, show up, and set up, and spend hours informing and entertaining us, before packing up again for the day. What a fantastic variety they offered! From ice cream to home renovations; from recumbent bikes to miniature horses, something wonderful was on display

Anita Anderson sets up the Christmas Giveaway table, stocked with door prizes that will be awarded later in the day to the nearly 100 visitors in attendance.



at every turn. Event-goers got to see the latest tools, devices and mobility options to improve everyday life with MS. We saw home modification ideas. We listened to a wide range of service providers offering classes and treatments customized to suit the needs of people with MS. We got to try the massage chairs and pet the service animals. We tried our hands at rock painting, and had our photos taken with Star Wars characters. It was truly a day not to be missed.

“We would like to do this every year,” Nikki Pfeiffer, Executive Director of the MSA told me. The members agree.

“They had fun games, activities and informative things for people of all ages,” Ed Menjivar said through the MSA Facebook page after attending the event. “It’s a good way to bring everyone together.” He also stressed the importance of the community being “...aware of the struggles people that have MS deal with since everyone is at different stages in their disease and it effects everyone differently.”

Overall, it was a wonderful day for everyone who attended. 🌟



Jes Bauer and her son enjoy a treat from the Rizuto’s Ice Cream truck. Rizuto’s, serving some of the Spring’s best ice cream at family-friendly prices, donated all profits from the day back to the MS Alliance!

Overcome from all the excitement, two Storm Troopers stop by the PIMA Medical Center room to get their blood pressure checked.

