



Dear Friends of Miracle Limbs;

Welcome to our first newsletter!

We have come a very long way since the introduction to our immediate community with our First Annual Courage in Motion Bike Ride March, 2008. Thanks again to all of you that made that event such a huge success. We raised over \$18,000 which allowed us to expand our networks, begin helping local amputees with prosthetics they could not afford, counsel an ever growing number of new amputees regardless of their needs, and initiate our 2009 fundraising events. We continue to make inroads into the corporate and philanthropic communities, in an effort to raise the \$250,000 annual budget we need to assist a minimum of 100 amputees and their families per year. Any contacts, ideas, networking opportunities you can suggest will be greatly appreciated! We hope many of you saw the story on Miracle Limbs and one of our recipients, Marco, on Channel 2 NBC News in July. The response was overwhelming and more media coverage is planned, so keep your eyes and ears open! We are posting press coverage on our web site as quickly as we can. The following are some of the recipients from Collier and Lee Counties all referred to us in just the past few weeks.

New Recipients

Marco, an above knee amputee, had not been able to walk or operate his business for 10 years. When Dr. Philip T. Regala called us, we worked With Ryder Orthopedics and Marco is now being fitted and walking on his new leg from Miracle Limbs, and actively playing with his 15 year old son! You can see the NBC story on Marco on our web site soon.

Denny, an above knee amputee as of 7/09 at NCH, does not need financial help at this point, but is responding well to assistance from Miracle Limbs– Courage in Motion for mental and physical adjustment. He has requested continuance of peer visitation and contacts us when not sure as to how to approach medical personnel with certain questions. We will stay with Denny until he is completely confident about his future living with limb loss.

Thomas, a double below the knee amputee, is diabetic and had one leg amputated several years ago and recently had the other leg amputated. He is in good spirits but unsure as to his medical coverage. It is our goal to

assist Thomas as he controls his diabetes and provide financial aid for two prosthetics if not covered.

Stephen, a below the knee amputee, had his leg amputated 1 ½ years ago and has not been able to return to work because he does not have insurance and cannot afford a prosthetic limb or rehab, or physical therapy follow-up. Miracle–Limbs– Courage in Motion has made arrangements and is paying for a limb as well as physical therapy and peer visitations. We are also arranging transportation for him as he has no access to transportation for visits to the Prosthetist. He will be able to return to work shortly with his partner in the boat refurbishing business.

Cheryl, a double below the knee amputee as of 7/09 had amputation surgery, including the loss of two fingers at NCH. Cheryl is still healing and has had complications with pneumonia, and will probably be ready for prosthetic fittings within a few weeks. Cheryl will need financial assistance in some areas and Miracle

Limbs–Courage in Motion will stay with her and her husband until she can raise her arms in victory. They have both had a very difficult adjustment

period and keep in constant communication with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!!! DATES!!!!!!!

SAVE THE

**FIRST ANNUAL ALL SPECIES
FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 24, 2009
HAMILTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB
Captain's Meeting, October 23.**

This will be the first "All Species" Tournament in 18 years in Collier County! It is designed to be a day of family fun on the water and afterwards at the beautiful Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Known for their cuisine, HHYC will be providing a full Bar BQ buffet during the afternoon. There are 20 qualifying species, simple scoring with Boat, Ladies and Junior divisions for awards. Afternoon children's activities will include classes and games for knot tying, species identification, casting contests. Kids will learn the equipment including rods, reels, knots, rigging gear as well as handling fish and bait, and

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problem solving. No experience necessary. Music, fantastic Silent Auction and Raffles, convenient docking and great food for indoor and outdoor dining, cash bar, at the HHYC Marina will all serve to make this a fun day for the entire family.

**PRE-RIDE SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HOTEL TRAVEL AUCTION
MARCH 5, 2009
HILTON NAPLES**

Due to the amazing interest the travel auction at last year's ride generated, we are combining the auction with a pre-ride dinner as a separate event on March 5 at the Hilton Naples on US 41 South of Pine Ridge. Registration will be separate and open to non-riders. More details to come shortly on our web site.

So save both dates for the Dinner and Ride and make it a Miracle Limbs weekend!

**COURAGE IN MOTION
BIKE RIDE
MARCH 6, 2009
NORTH COLLIER REGIONAL PARK**

For those of you who joined us last year, you know how positive the comments were, and we are expecting more than double the riders this year!

Same great food, rides, SAG and children's activities are planned for this year, with some great additions including a tire changing contest and more!

Details will be posted soon on the web site so keep your eye on the Miracle Limbs web site!

**For more details, Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities and Registration,
please see our web site at www.Miraclelimbs.org or call 239-304-0084.**

**Please send donations to:
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