



Runnin' For Rhett

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Runnin' for Rhett – a non-profit organization (501c3) - Tax ID #26-1419222

Mission Statement: Our goal is to let Rhett's story inspire those who feel defeated, to uplift those who feel down and encourage people to take that first step and *MOVE INTO LIFE!!!*

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Runnin' for Rhett?

Runnin' for Rhett is a non-profit organization that was created in December of 2007. Our organization's primary focus is to inspire individuals to get off the couch and do something that one special little boy couldn't do, as hard as he tried.... Walk or Run.

Where does the non-profit money earned go?

Proceeds go to a scholarship fund that will be awarded annually to a Sacramento County college student who aspires to be a teacher in Sacramento County that works specifically with children that have special needs.

Our Story

Our son, Rhett Seevers was born on February 7th, 1997. We brought home a bundle of joy to join our family of four but soon were devastated by the news that our little boy had cerebral palsy and would face a life full of challenges. We dove in headfirst and learned all we could about his disabilities.

On March 13th, 2004, after 7 years of full-time care, love and devotion, Rhett passed away at home unexpectedly with our family by his side. In the spring of 2005, as the anniversary of Rhett's death approached, Beth's friend Rachelle Hightower introduced her to running. She learned of the Shamrock'n ½ marathon and 5K. It was ironically being held on Sunday, March 13th 2005. Completing the run was such an inspiration to Beth. The following year, she asked that her friends and family join her. Join her they did; 35 additional friends and family donned the first baby blue running shirts that year. In the spring of 2007 with the addition of an organized training group, over 125 people participated in the race. Every one of the participants wore their baby blue shirts proudly, in Rhett's memory.

On December 7, 2007 the Runnin' for Rhett non-profit foundation was formed. As a result, in the spring of 2008 the group grew to 158 1/2 marathoners, 162 5ker's and over 75 volunteers. A total of nearly 400 people in all were inspired to participate.

Our son, Rhett, had many blessings but could not physically move by himself. He inspired so many people with his laugh and his infectious smile that our goal is to let Rhett's story inspire those who feel defeated, to uplift those who feel down and to encourage people to take that first step, like Beth did in the spring of 2005, and MOVE INTO LIFE!

Scholarship Program

The Runnin' for Rhett Scholarship has been established to encourage and support students in their pursuit of a teaching credential, specifically those seeking to work with children with special needs.

The scholarship funds will be awarded to a student participating in a Sacramento County Teaching Credential Program. Applicants interested in working with children with moderate to severe disabilities are most desirable, but all students who intend to work with children with special needs are encouraged to apply.

Amount of each award is \$5,000.00.

Application Checklist

The following items MUST be included with your application (form is attached):

- Most recent transcripts (high school and college)
- Personal statement explaining your college and career goals. This statement must be at least 250 words in length and should include information about:
 - Your selected area of study
 - Your academic goals in your program
 - The specific occupation or profession you intend to enter
 - How has your life been affected by children with special needs
- Two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from a teacher, school counselor, school administrator, or other professional who knows your qualities as a student. See more information on the application form.

Please note: An interview will be required. Interviews will be conducted the week of March 1st, 2010.

Applications are due by 02/25/2010. Please email applications to lyle@runninfoerrhett.com mail to Runnin' for Rhett, Attn: Scholarship Application, 5117 Worcester Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758.

For more information about Runnin' for Rhett, go to www.runninfoerrhett.com



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APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

EDUCATION DATA:

Current Enrollment –

College/University Name:

College/University Address:

Beginning year:

Expected Date of Completion:

Previous College/University Enrollment –

College/University Name:

College/University Address:

Beginning year:

Date of Completion:

TRANSCRIPTS:

Most recent education transcripts should be attached. Official copies only.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please explain your college and career goals, as they pertain to special needs children. This statement should be at least 250 words. Please ensure that you include your selected area of study, your academic goals in your educational program, the specific occupation or profession you intend to enter upon program completion and lastly, include how children with special needs have affected your life to date. Please attach your statement.

REFERENCE LETTERS (please attach):

Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one of the letters should be from a faculty member who is familiar with your educational program. Faculty recommendation must be on college/university letterhead. The references should comment on your character and potential leadership, or making a significant contribution to children with special needs. This can be based upon specific examples drawn from your course work, projects or activities. A confidential recommendation is not required. Each letter of recommendation must be signed by the person making the recommendation. Please attach the letters to this application.

Reference 1 Name:

Institution Name:

Name of Dept.:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Reference 2 Name:

Institution Name:

Name of Dept.:

Telephone Number:

Email: