

## **Background**

Fiesta Especial is an official Fiesta San Antonio event created for children and adults with physical, cognitive and developmental differences and the family and friends who love them.

Proceeds from this event support charitable, non-profit programs that improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities in our local community throughout the year.

Students at River City Christian School (RCCS) began Fiesta Especial in 2003 and turned it into an official Fiesta event in 2006. Until 2009, Fiesta Especial was held at the RCCS campus on Blanco Road. Fiesta Especial 2012 is being organized and hosted by four organizations that provide services and information for children and adults with special needs: River City Christian School, Reaching Maximum Independence (RMI), disABILITYsa.org and u|ability, a special needs ministry of University UMC. This year we are working with Rackspace to hold Fiesta Especial on their parking lot at Walzem and I-35.

## **Event Details**

Join the SA special-needs community for a family-friendly Fiesta experience for people of all ages and abilities. Enjoy virtual/simulated rides, music, dancing, food, games, crafts and much, much more at this alcohol & tobacco-free event. Local businesses and organizations serving children and adults with special needs will have booths with information and answers to questions about their programs and products.

Celebration Outreach takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Local schools, group homes, day programs, children's homes and senior living centers are invited to come out and receive \$5.00 in complimentary game/ride tickets with purchase of general admission. More information: 210-384-0297.

There will be a shoebox parade at 11am during the Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration Outreach event where guests are invited to decorate shoebox floats, wagons, wheelchairs or walkers for the parade.

General Admission is \$5.00 per person. Special vouchers are not valid for use after 2 p.m. All food, game and ride tickets are sold separately. For more information, visit www.fiestaespecial.com.

## Fiesta Especial Royal Court

For 2012, Fiesta Especial is adding a Royal Court consisting of a King and Queen, a Prince and Princess, two Dukes and Duchesses and four Pages. The members of the Royal Court will be selected through a fundraising process that gives organizations serving people with disabilities a chance to raise money and awareness for their mission or a nonprofit partner.

Contest runs November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The coronation for the Fiesta Especial Royal Court will be held at the Hand in Hand Runway Benefit on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Morgan's Wonderland. Tickets to this event are sold separately.

## **Fiesta Especial Parade**

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Fiesta Especial will add an official parade within the City of Windcrest that will feature our mascot (Pedro the Piñata), the Fiesta Especial Royal Court, representatives from organizations serving people with disabilities and representatives and royalty from other official events.