

Hi Everyone,



Joshua...coming to you from Arizona. I am a sophomore at xxxxx school. It's a big school with 2,700 students and I feel real good this year because I'm making a lot of friends. I loved going to my school's football games. Last year they were undefeated and won the Arizona State Championship at the Arizona Cardinals stadium. It was so cool to see them play at the big stadium. GO PRIDE!

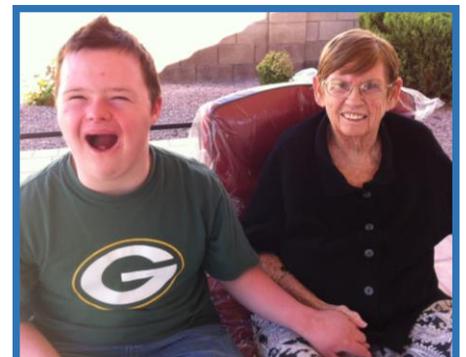
Last October, we celebrated Grandma and Gandpa's 60th Wedding Anniversary with a party! Folks came from Florida, Philadelphia, Wisconsin, Ohio, Boston, New York, and other places. It was great to have all the gang here and to celebrate, Grandma was having the most fun. It was especially good when some old time singer dude, Neil Diamond, showed up and sang *Sweet Caroline*. Everyone was raising their hands and singing, my dad was dancing with Grandma and all were rocking.

Spring Training was a great time as always. Yup you guessed it..."March Madness" with my mom's friend, xxxxx, xxxxx and their daughter xxxxi. We all had a blast at the game, along with Aunt xxxx, Uncle xxxx, my friends xxxx and xxxx.

Over Thanksgiving, our friends xxxxx and xxxx came up from Tucson. It was so awesome having a big turkey and all the fixings! They're coming again this year...I can't wait! During January, me, my Aunt xxx, mom and dad all took a 5 hour road trip to Greer, Arizona. We stayed at a log cabin for 3 days. It was all snowy, cold and wet while we went sledding every day. The great thing about Arizona is you drive to the cold and stay a few days and then you drive home. Over the 4th of July, we stayed at the Grand Canyon in a cabin along the rim and in Jerome and saw some ghosties.

For the second year in row, I competed in Special Olympics speed skating. I invented a new Olympic sport called "skate walking". During the final competition I won two gold medals and was awarded most improved skater. You should have seen my parents...they were cheering, laughing and having a great time during the race.

I am in Special Olympics golf right now and will competed in the Regional Swimming and Golf tournaments. xxxx is my best swim coach and xxxx is my best golf coach. I took a Silver Medal in the swim meet and Gold in the Golf Tournament.



My team this year for the Down Syndrome Walk is the "Hip Hop Squad". We're going to wear bunny ears and cotton tails. This is a fundraising walk for the Down Syndrome Network and will be part of the ASU Homecoming Parade on November xx. The DSNetwork provides a lot of great programs throughout the year for kids, like me, and their families. This will be my xx year walking in it.

Last year my friends xxx, xxxxx, xxxx, xxxx, xxxxx, xxxxx, xxxxx, my mom and dad walked on my team. I think this year others are going to join us too. I can't wait!

I'm hoping you can sponsor me! Whatever you can do...\$10, \$15, \$20...every dollar helps. You may donate by sending a check payable to "DSNetwork" **by October xx** to my mom and dad's address. (An envelope for you to use is enclosed.) Or you can donate online (insert your team's URL here). It's safe and easy and your donation will be credited to my team.

Hugs and Kisses,
Joshua XXOXOXXOOO