

# Dreams and Adventures

## Bring Joy to Life



## The Right Resources Help Them Happen!

*Assisting Families in the Pursuit of:*

*Specialized Care Providers*

*Parent and Family Vacations*

*Resources that Provide Freedom*

We serve families of children with physical, social and developmental challenges by understanding such diagnoses as cerebral palsy, autism, Down, Rett and other syndromes.

## *A note from the founders*

MIKE AND LOUISE BRUCE

We are the parents of three wonderful children; Laura, Ben and Christopher and enjoy a marriage cushioned by God's grace. Two of our children were born with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Though faced with challenges, the blessing of our children taught us to focus on what matters in life. With the help of fantastic nannies and special services, our family has enjoyed traveling, camping, parties galore and the much needed respite for our marriage. Daily demands of life did make it difficult to seek out these helpers and activities. Now, having the gift of a bit more time, we want to pursue such resources for other families. We hope to make easier their path towards *living life to the fullest!*



*In memory of Laura & Christopher Bruce*

Our very special children brought much joy to the lives they touched. Their sudden and unexpected deaths, Chris in 2004 and Laura in 2005, were a tremendous loss. Their examples of love and kindness will continue to shine through the efforts of this organization.

## *The LaChris Connection*

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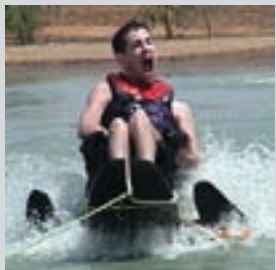
# *Lightening the Load for Families of Children with Special Needs*



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# Who and How The LaChris Connection Serves

**The LaChris Connection (TLC) serves families of children with disabilities - We focus on the need for adventure and respite! As love and laughter flow in their homes, we are busy connecting them with the following resources & opportunities:**



**Special camps & adaptive sports**

**Planning and Funding of: Rejuvenating Parent Get-Aways**



**and Personalized Family Adventures!**



**Recruitment and training of specialized caregivers!** We love to get people excited about this opportunity. Our approach is upbeat and informative. Relieving parents of this search is our most effective way of 'Lightening the Load'.

**"Meet the Parents"** mixers where families and prospective caregivers meet in a fun, casual setting.

**Parent support groups** bring folks together to share knowledge as well as common joys and struggles.

**Marin Respite and Childcare Collaborative (MRCC)** LaChris founded this committee of Bay Area agencies who serve the same clientele. Meeting monthly, we seek solutions to the ongoing need for respite provisions.

**Guides** to vehicle modification & ADA home remodels. Sources for access to funding, behavioral therapies and adaptive activities. Effective relations with the medical community will be addressed as well.

**The Website:** Our online services provide networking for families and providers! Also, lots of easy to navigate information and an 'alphabet soup' (acronym) glossary! **Parents, sign on as a "Family Served" and complete our online survey concerning your respite needs.** You will then be entered into our ongoing raffles for services and adventures!

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# How You Can Support TLC

**Help us get the word out** - Welcome us to present our mission and these job opportunities to the students, parishioners and members of your organizations.

**Support our promotional efforts** - Attend our fund raisers and enjoy quality entertainment! Donate your services or items to our events, auctions & raffles.

**Your funds and talents** - Everyone's monthly pledges, generous donations and volunteerism are crucial in helping these families to move from striving to thriving!

**Donate dining and travel services** - Help us in gifting more parent get-aways and family vacations.

**MRCC Involvement** - Join TLC, Matrix, GGRC, Jewish Family & Children's Services, professionals and parents working together to solve these childcare concerns.

**Enjoy being a caregiver!**

These families need young helpers, nannies & nurses. Please join them in their life journeys, formative activities and family vacations!

