

# JANUARY 2009 NEWS FROM SPLORE

Promoting empowering experiences in an active friendly world through affordable, customized, inclusive recreation and education programs for people of all abilities.



## IN THIS ISSUE

[Save the Date!](#)

-

[Latest Happenings](#)

-

[Volunteer Spotlight](#)

-

[Raising the Bar](#)

## QUICK LINKS

[CLICK HERE TO READ ABOUT DEAF NATION'S ROCK CLIMBING EXPERIENCE WITH SPLORE](#)

-

[SIGN UP FOR GOODSEARCH FOR A FAST, EASY AND FREE WAY TO DONATE TO SPLORE!](#)

-

[SPLORE BLOG](#)

-

[QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? IDEAS? CONTACT CARA](#)



Receive Splore Updates & News!

## Seasons Greetings!

This December marks the end of my first full calendar year at Splore. As Splore's new Executive Director, I had a tremendous amount to learn and a lot of people to meet (indeed, I am still on this path). Through my learning curve we had a few notable failures and many great successes. Over the past year we added four newly funded programs for children and youth, significantly expanding the number of programs and services we provide. Additionally, we received over a quarter million dollars from new funding sources as well as a new multi-year contract with the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities. This program will increase our ability to provide programs and services to children and adults with disabilities as well as respite services for families and care providers.

As I reflect back on 2008 I am reminded that the Canterbury Tales are about the journey not the destination. My 2008 journey has reinforced my faith in the generosity of the human spirit; a spirit that cannot be distinguished. To be sure, the current global financial crisis has made us all a bit timid, yet the generosity of countless individuals keeps the Magic of Splore alive. With deep appreciation I want to thank everyone who has contributed to Splore's amazing journey in 2008: agency partners, corporations, donors, families, foundations, participants, staff, and volunteers. Thank You.

## Cheers & Happy Holidays.

*John Librett*

John Librett, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
Executive Director

## SAVE THE DATE! Splore Calendar



### Exciting adventures happening at Splore!

Here is a list of adventures for all abilities.

**January 5:**

**Volunteer Orientation**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For more information contact [caraf@splore.org](mailto:caraf@splore.org)

**January 6 & 7:**

**Rock On! Begins**

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

An eight week climbing session for children with autism spectrum disorder

For more information contact [janined@splore.org](mailto:janined@splore.org)

**January 10:**

**Winter Volunteer Training**

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

For more information contact [caraf@splore.org](mailto:caraf@splore.org)

**January 26:**

**Family Climbing Night**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For more information contact [janined@splore.org](mailto:janined@splore.org)

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EVENTS & TRAININGS](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## LATEST HAPPENINGS

We are thrilled to announce Splore has three new exciting programs for 2009.

### **I Can Do It, You Can Do It! program**

Splore has been selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human, Office on Disability as a national pilot site for the I Can Do It, You Can Do It! program. The goal of this program is to improve the health of the six million American children who have disabilities by encouraging increased physical activity and healthy nutritional behaviors. The I Can Do It, You Can Do It! Program runs as an eight week mentored program so we will be looking for volunteers who can be mentors for positive physical activity behavior through active outdoor recreation.

<http://www.hhs.gov/od/physicalfitness.html>. We anticipate this program will begin spring 2009. If you are interested in participating please contact Splore's Program Director, Tim Stempel [tims@splore.org](mailto:tims@splore.org).

### **Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities**

Splore has been approved for a multi-year contract through the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). Under this contract, Splore will be providing a myriad of activities to individuals and families who qualify for DSPD services. For more information please contact Splore's Program Director, Tim Stempel [tims@splore.org](mailto:tims@splore.org).

### **Outdoor Recreation Insurance**

Through membership benefits, we now offer a new way to enjoy and expand your Splore experience. For our first member benefit we are offering eligibility for enrollment under Splore's new group Outdoor Recreation Insurance (ORI) policy. This ORI benefit provides low-cost, accident insurance coverage for snow, mountain, and paddle sport enthusiasts. ORI pays benefits directly to you for incurred ambulance and medical expenses. Select the link below for more information about Splore ORI benefit or contact Splore's Executive Director, John Librett [jlibrett@splore.org](mailto:jlibrett@splore.org).

[Back To Top](#)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### SUSAN HORN



(Susan Horn is sitting in the middle, second to the left on the bottom row)

Approximately five years ago Susan Horn came and joined the Splore team as a program volunteer. As an occupational therapist, Susan's insight and feedback has been an invaluable resource for Splore.

Susan has volunteered her time on many canoe trips and outdoor rock climbing programs over the years. She recalls one particular memory when her canoe accidentally tipped over with a participant wearing a respirator. As intense as that moment was, Susan acted quickly and corrected the problem immediately with the assistance of Splore's staff.

Recently Susan expanded her volunteer services to Splore's Rock On! Program (an indoor rock climbing program for children with autism). Instead of volunteering for one time slot, she has freely given her time to two time slots for the eight week Rock On! session. In addition, she has facilitated many activities for the children during the program. With Susan's strong instincts, creativity and spontaneous nature she has been a beneficial asset to Splore.

For more information about Susan's occupational therapy services, please check out her website: OT Just for Kids: <http://otjustforkids.com/>

Susan, thank you for all you do!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH SPLORE](#)

[Back to Top](#)

## RAISING THE BAR

Thank you to the following corporate and foundation partners who supported Splore in December:

Boeing  
Herbert & Elsa Michael Foundation  
Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation  
Marriner S. Eccles Foundation

Raymond Family Foundation  
REI  
Robert S. Carter Foundation  
Sorensen Legacy Foundation



Each year Splore is a benefactor of the tremendous support provided by the Sugarhouse Rotary Club's Annual Chili Open Gala and Golf Tournament. Please make this event your year-end charitable contribution. For more information and donation information please select our Chili-Open link.

<https://splore.ejoinme.org/MyPages/ChiliOpen/tabid/122149/Default.aspx>

[Back to Top](#)



**BE OPEN.**

**Because some visionaries are blind.**

**Because some communicators are deaf.**

**Because some movers and shakers are paralyzed.**

**Because the only true disability is a mind stuck in the closed position.**

Thank you for reading Splore's Monthly Email Newsletter! Your support, involvement, and connection to Splore is important to us. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please visit our website [www.splore.org](http://www.splore.org) or contact us at (801) 484-4128 or [info@splore.org](mailto:info@splore.org)



**LIVE UNITED.**



**Please Forward**

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to snpowell@xmission.com by [jlibrett@splore.org](mailto:jlibrett@splore.org).  
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



**SPLORE | 880 East 3375 South | Salt Lake City | UT | 84106**