



Dear Friend,

Please allow me to introduce you to Enable Adventure! We need you to join our crew.

In Texas, a significant percentage of our young people who spend time in the foster care system end up incarcerated before their 18th birthday and are at higher risk of clinical depression and suicide. These youth are particularly vulnerable and face unparalleled challenges, with few community services available to build their confidence and self-esteem. Enable Adventure proposes to intervene in the lives of this population and provide them with the opportunity to experience responsibility, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment. Through team-based sailing aboard the 41-foot ketch "Wilder Seas", these at-risk youth will work with trained peer-mentors, a skilled skipper/certified instructor, and other experienced adults to learn to operate the boat with proficiency. Youth served will improve math, science, and executive functioning abilities while learning team-building, problem-solving, and building self-confidence. On completion of the team-based portion of the project, youth will be given the option to continue their sailing training on smaller boats where they will learn to sail independently, charting their own course on the lake and in their lives.

"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship." - Louisa May Alcott

But youth in the foster program is only one group that can benefit from our program. Enable Adventure has been established to work with multiple youth organizations. We are already working with Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts, and are currently exploring starting pilot programs with Upbring, Lifeworks, Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY4Kids), Boys & Girls Clubs, Texas Network of Youth Services, and the Amala Foundation.

You can help us to allow youth to experience control and leadership. Being put in control of situations and given the opportunity to successfully lead their peers to an objective, youth that feel as they have limited control in their lives can feel empowered and broaden their outlook on life's possibilities.

You can help youth develop self-esteem and self-confidence. When given a challenge, which an outdoor adventure can provide, youth will learn to overcome their fears and will be given opportunities to build their confidence and develop their independence.

This year, Enable Adventure, a 501c1 organization born from Sea Scout Ship Texas (S410) in the Capitol Area Council, received the donation of the Wilder Seas, a large, two-mast, 41' sailing ship, a gift from a donor who believes in the mission to provide a local resource for youth to experience and train on the type of vessel that is typically only available for offshore blue-water sailing. We now need your support, through your tax-deductible donation, to cover the maintenance and fees to keep that vessel. With your resources and interest in helping area



youth to take part in a life-affirming experience, together with our volunteer sailing instructors, we can make an incredible difference in the lives of deserving central Texas youth.

We sincerely hope you will be willing to donate to help our cause. We are excited to show our appreciation by including you on our website and in our promotional literature. We also have several promotional packages for donors that I will outline here.

- BRONZE - \$1200 annual donors will receive a bronze level gift package which includes a ticket to come aboard the Wilder Seas for an annual afternoon donors' cruise.
- SILVER - \$3000 annual donors will receive a silver level gift package which includes two tickets for a dinner, an annual sunset donors' cruise, and a limited edition patch.
- GOLD - \$6000 annual donors will receive a gold level gift package that includes dinner and a private cruise aboard the Wilder Seas for a party of six, a limited edition patch, and your own custom flag which will be flown on the Wilder Seas.
- PLATINUM - \$12000 annual donors will receive a platinum level custom gift package with your name and logo on one of our sails, a custom private dinner and cruise, private sailing lessons, limited edition memorabilia including a limited edition patch, and your own custom flag which will be flown on the Wilder Seas and a professionally produced custom video that highlights the goals Enable Adventure was able to achieve with your support.

If you are ready to begin this partnership, please don't hesitate to contact us at (512) 535-3920 so we can answer any questions you might have and welcome you aboard the Enable Adventure crew.

Thank you for your help,

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President of Enable Adventure
Captain of the Wilder Seas

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