



# MEC DISABILITIES

Motivate.

Elevate.

Celebrate.



**BE THE CHANGE YOU  
WISH TO SEE IN THE  
WORLD.  
-GANDHI**



# PROVIDING FAMILIES A FREE SPACE THAT IS SAFE AND FUN FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES

Families have enough on their plate, especially those with special needs children. MEC Disabilities has opened **the 1st FREE** for families sensory space. We have different events throughout the month for children of all ages and abilities, support groups for parents/caregivers/siblings, and of course individual sensory rooms.

**We are able to be free through sponsorships, grants, and donations.**

We created a space that is needed for the disability community and have created an open safe environment for all. As well as supporting a co-ability learning space.





## WHO WE ARE



Nikki Sanger founded MEC Disabilities in 2021 due to the changes and restrictions that came from COVID-19. It showed the inaccessibility and lack of resources. **MEC**, which stands for **Motivate**, **Elevate**, and **Celebrate** Disabilities focuses on inclusion. At MEC Disabilities we get children with disabilities adaptive equipment across the United States, support / provide resources for families, and create free inclusive events and environments such as The Sensory Space.

# 2021



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MEC Disabilities was Founded in

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Board Members  
And Our Many Volunteers!

# Josephine/ Jackson



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Current Counties Served by The  
Sensory Space and Travelers

# Inclusive Events

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National Adaptive Equipment and  
Advocacy

## PROBLEM

WE WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR FAMILIES AND CREATE AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES



**Every child deserves the equal opportunity to Learn, Grow, and Play no matter their abilities.**

The rate of children with disabilities increases every year. Some have not even been able to be diagnosed and they are still waitlisted for therapies such as Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy.

Not only are pediatric therapies hard to come by for some, so are specialists, and places that are safe for children with disabilities to go to.

At MEC Disabilities we see those families and we are here to help and provide a safe and welcoming environment for all abilities.



# 7.3 Million In US

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In 2021–22, the number of students ages 3–21 who received special education and/or related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)



# 15% In OREGON

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Students ages 3–21 served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as a percentage of public school enrollment, by state and jurisdiction: School year 2021–22

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<https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cgg/students-with-disabilities>

# WHY WE RAISE THE BAR

We offer a range of services to bridge the gap and empower individuals with disabilities. This includes providing accessible sensory spaces, advocating for insurance coverage of adaptive equipment, facilitating support groups, organizing educational workshops, and engaging in community outreach. Through these initiatives, we aim to foster a culture of acceptance, understanding, and inclusion, ensuring that every individual has equal opportunities irrespective of their abilities.

Our vision is to create a more inclusive society where individuals with disabilities have equal access to opportunities, resources, and support. We strive to establish an environment that celebrates diversity and dismantles barriers, enabling individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of the community.



With our commitment to empathy, compassion, and empowerment, we are working towards a brighter and more inclusive tomorrow for all individuals with disabilities and their families. We firmly believe that with the right support and resources, every individual can achieve their full potential.

Our primary mission is to bridge the gap and empower individuals with disabilities by offering accessible sensory spaces, advocacy for insurance coverage of adaptive equipment, support groups, educational workshops, and community outreach events. Through these initiatives, we aim to foster a culture of acceptance, understanding, and inclusion, ensuring that every individual has equal opportunities regardless of their abilities.

Our vision is to empower individuals with disabilities, creating a more inclusive tomorrow where they have equal access to opportunities, resources, and support. We envision a society that celebrates diversity and dismantles barriers, allowing individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of the community.



# STEPS TO OPEN MORE FREE SENSORY SPACES

SOLUTION



Through community support and sponsors we are striving to open more free locations for families just like our first. Focusing around sensory and the neurodiverse community.

Events, classes, special needs tutoring, and support groups at each location.

## 01



### FUNDRAISING

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Fundraising through sponsors, grants, and donations with people/ companies who have similar values and want to create a more accepting and inclusive tomorrow.

## 02



### DEVELOPMENT

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Finding the best Building, Equipment, and Volunteers (which are background checked)

## 03



### OPENING

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Opening within 1.5 months of moving into the building if not sooner, depending on equipment delivery and installation.

# TIMELINE

Depending on funds our timeline can vary. This is approximate and can be adjusted easily due to funds and demands of the community served.

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## JAN-APRIL

### PHASE 01

- Grant Submissions
- Locking in Community Sponsors
- Budget

## APRIL-MAY

### PHASE 02

- Look for Sensory Space Location within Budget
- Set Up Summer Fundraising Events

## JUNE-JULY

### PHASE 03

- Lock in Location
- Order Equipment for Sensory Space Location
- Interview & Back Ground Check Volunteers
- Hire Volunteer Manager for Space

## AUGUST-OCTOBER

### PHASE 04

- Set Up Location
- Open Sensory Space Location
- Grant Submissions
- Set Up Fall/Winter Fundraising Events

# Levels of Sponsorship

Every donation helps our mission to help motivate, elevate, and celebrate disabilities. Listed below are extra perks for donors/sponsors! For volunteer opportunities or match donations please email us for up and coming opportunities and information needed for match donations.

## ✓ Advocate

\$1,000-\$1,999

Logo/Name/In Someone's Name

- On Website

## ✓ Silver Sponsor

\$2,000-\$9,999

Logo/Name/In Someone's Name

- On Website/In Office on Sponsor Wall
- On Display at Events
- On Social Media/website

## ✓ Gold Sponsor

\$10,000-\$24,999

Logo/Name/In Someone's Name

- On Sponsorship Wall & Class Area
- Premiered at Events
- On Display at Events
- On Social Media/website with link
- Listed on our YouTube channel & Videos
- MORE: Sponsor Request (must be approved).

## ✓ Platinum Sponsor

\$25,000 to \$99,999

Logo/Name/In Someone's Name

- On Sponsorship Wall & Class Area
- Special Premier & Display at Events
- Recognized on radio/news/newspaper stories
- On Social Media/website
- Listed on our YouTube channel & Videos
- MORE: Sponsor Request (must be approved).

## ✓ Title Sponsor

\$100,000 and Up

Logo/Name/In Someone's Name

- On Sponsorship Wall & Class Area
- Special Premier & Display at Events
- Recognized on radio/news/newspaper stories
- On Social Media/website
- Listed on our YouTube channel & Videos
- On MEC Disabilities/Sensory Space Promotional material (clothing etc)
- MORE: Sponsor Request (must be approved).



# HOW WE'RE INVOLVED



**We are heavily involved in the disability community:**

**2 of our board members are coaches for the Southern Oregon Challenger Little League**  
**1 is the Vice President**

**We Volunteer with the Special Olympics**

**We fund adaptive disability equipment**

**Provide Insurance and IEP Advocacy**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Sensory Santa**

**Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt ( Evelyn's Hunt)**

**Sensory Swim**

**AAC and Speech Generating Devices Classes**

**Parent/Sibling/Caregiver Support Groups**

**Inclusive Game Days**

**More Events Coming Soon**





# LET'S PARTNER AND TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



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MEC Disabilities is more than just an organization - it's a beacon of hope for individuals with disabilities and their families. As a mother of a child with disabilities, I witnessed firsthand the challenges they face and the lack of support and inclusive opportunities available to them. This inspired me to start MEC Disabilities, an initiative nonprofit focused on creating a more inclusive society and empowering individuals with disabilities.

Through our accessible sensory spaces, advocacy for insurance coverage of adaptive equipment, support groups, educational workshops, and community outreach, we aim to bridge the gap and provide comprehensive support for individuals with disabilities.

Our vision is to dismantle barriers and celebrate diversity, so every individual with disabilities can lead a fulfilling life. With your support, we can make a significant impact and create a brighter tomorrow for all. Thank you for your consideration.

# **THE TEAM AT MEC DISABILITIES**

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