



A dying 6 year old's wish leads to 3 adopted adaptive sibling athletes being selected to represent the United States at the 2022 IWAS Games in Portugal

TeamJundt selected to IWAS Games

Kenosha, WI, September 29th, 2022—Josh, Emma, and Lucas Jundt are siblings from Kenosha, Wisconsin who were adopted from Inner Mongolia, China in 2011 (Lucas) and 2015 (Josh, and Emma). Their parents, Peter and Heidi Jundt were led by God and the urgings of their son Jacob to adopt them. Jacob died from a wilms' tumor, a form of childhood kidney cancer, in 2004 at the age of 6. In the waining days of his life he heard commercials on Christian radio about adopting from China. From that day forward he continued to urge his parents to adopt.

A couple of years after Jacob died, his family began the long, often confusing, always complicated, process of adopting first one, then 2 more children from China.

Move United, an Affiliate of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, has announced that the trio of adaptive athlete siblings (also known as TeamJundt) have been selected to join the contingent of adaptive athletes representing the United States at the upcoming IWAS (International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation) Games in Vila Real de Santo Antonio, Portugal this November. The

athletes are the only siblings named to the team and make up fully 10% of the overall team of 30.

More information is available at the Move United website: <https://moveunitedsport.org/move-united-2022-iwas-delegation/?fbclid=IwAR1S15o5zlvIVHJZzuP1UMqWRmnQKw-4l10jIYPbuoLJKqNnamBerk0KpKM>

The IWAS website: https://iwasf.com/news/usa-name-world-games-team-as-entry-by-name-opens/?fbclid=IwAR3U Udop7gC8_BwlhTPrVPuwCE1d62FbSjfx1b00xyj7ttU9ulWRNgHJ26Q

And the team's gofundme site: <https://gofund.me/bf85896e>

To the surprise of their parents, the trio entered and excelled in the world of adaptive athletics through a chance encounter in 2018 at a local COSTCO with Cindy Housner, executive director of GLASA (The Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association <https://www.glasa.org>).

Emma will compete in Track events, Lucas will compete in Track and Field events, and Josh will compete in Powerlifting and Track events at the competition which will run from the 23rd through the 29th of November.

The athletes are actively fundraising to cover the costs of their participation. Their Aunt Linda set up a gofundme campaign (<https://gofund.me/bf85896e>) and plan to sell apparel with the team's logo to assist in that effort.

TeamJundt is a trio of adaptive athlete siblings, consisting of: Josh Jundt, Emma Jundt, and Lucas Jundt

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