

Nine children from Washoe County Social Services have been allocated continuing scholarships to let them swim. We donated clothing and food to these families over the holidays as we "adopted" these families. This new year, we have added two more children to this program.

The big news that we were waiting for until today was that we will have only limited access to the Trainer pool site because of a shortage of funds. This will cut down our opportunity for the learn to swim program that we had anticipated.

What we do have to look forward to now is, that in conjunction with Washoe County, NNA will help with the reopening of Bowers Mansion pool. This facility is outside of the city to the south but still in driving distance. The pool was closed down 3 years ago and NNA has pledged money and man power to help make the pool facility fit for aquatics activities. It is here that we will now have a branch of our learn to swim program that we did not have access to before. The pool will open on Memorial Day and close on Labor Day.

The athletes in the scholarshipped program have been doing very well. Most of them have now competed in their first novice swim meet and are on their way to becoming good swimmers.

We expect them to be competing in another meet next month.

Next weekend we will have a team function where we have been given seats to a local professional wrestling show.

We have integrated these children that did not have this opportunity before into our program and they have all made friends and are very appreciative of what the Diversity Grant has helped us do for them.

Thank you and we will have more to report soon.

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