

SEALKIDS

Friends Unite to Support SEALKIDS



Pictured above: Sam Havelock, SEALKIDS Board member Andy Wirth, SEALKIDS Founder and Program Director Suzanne Vogel, Doug Scott, Casey Betzold, SEALKIDS Executive Director Dr. Gretchen McIntosh.

On Wednesday, January 23, old and new friends came together to support SEALKIDS during the Special Operations Charity Network benefit concert at Stoney's Rockin' Country located in downtown Las Vegas. This annual event is scheduled for the middle of Shot Show every year and is fast becoming a highlight of the week for many attendees.

SEALKIDS' Executive Director, Dr. Gretchen McIntosh, would like to offer special thanks to Special Operations Charity Network, Anteris Alliance, SEAL 1 LLC, Gary Sinise Foundation, and Wheelchairs for Warriors for a wonderful night! Attendees listened to The Scooter Brown Band, Blackbird Anthem and Nick Sterling, took their chance on a 50/50 raffle, rode the mechanical bull, and celebrated the benefitting organizations. SEALKIDS was honored to see so many friends that have been around since our humble beginnings and we were delighted to be joined by new friends as well. Thank you!

To all the friends that surprised us at the Stand for America concert- Thank you! It was a joy to see you and to celebrate how far you have helped take SEALKIDS. To the grown servicemen that I remember as little "Airsoft" boys raising money for SEALKIDS, I am so proud of you and the men you have become. To the former NSW members and SEALKIDS volunteers that have continued to show up when there is work to be done, you are the heart of SEALKIDS and we love you. To the grown SEAL kid who took vacation days so she could come and help, seeing you happy and successful reminds us of our WHY. Thank you for your giving heart. To our new friends, thank you for joining the SEALKIDS mission! Having so many people together from such different stages of SEALKIDS' history was a special moment. The evening was more than a benefit, more than a concert...it was a homecoming. We can't wait to see you next year. -Suzanne

What is Dyspraxia?



A few years ago a good friend shared her son's struggles at school with his motor skills. She discovered that he had dyspraxia. Although dyspraxia is not an official diagnosis, it is the term used to describe a child who has trouble with movement. The types of movement that dyspraxia refers to include fine motor skills, gross motor skills, motor planning, and coordination. Often children with dyspraxia have trouble with fine motor skills such as holding a pencil and

cutting. They may also have a difficult time learning to ride a bike because they struggle with peddling. My friend worked closely with the school and an occupational therapist to strengthen her child's motor skills and coordination.

Learning difference can come in many different forms and with the correct interventions the child affected thrives. As I navigate through this journey of learning differences with my own children, I work to educate myself on the challenges that other children face. I am excited to share what I have learned so that others who may have a child facing challenges can take the steps to help their child thrive.

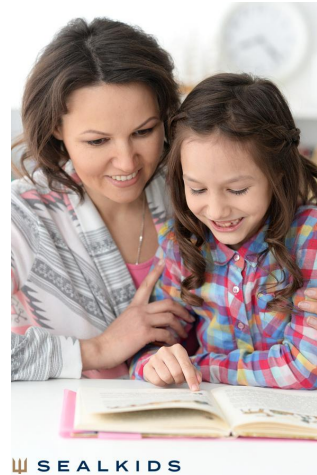
To learn more about dyspraxia, you can read the the article by the Understood Team, [Dyspraxia: What You Need to Know](#).

-Elizabeth, SEALKIDS Development Coordinator.

From a SEALKIDS Parent

"Our daughter has two learning disabilities, a dual deficit. This makes it extremely challenging for her to read and she requires intensive tutoring. Thanks to SEALKIDS we have a certified tutor who is invested in her. We could not do this for our daughter without SEALKIDS' generous help. Thank you!"

-SEALKIDS Parent



Change the life of a child by supporting SEALKIDS...



We receive requests for service consistently throughout the year. Parents, observing their child's struggles, reach out to SEALKIDS for hope, help, and results. We step in to help lessen the stress in the homes of the families in the Naval Special Warfare community by coming up with a plan to help each child. Some of the children we serve struggle with learning disabilities, for which there is no cure. Some of the children we serve struggle with stress and anxiety due to the deployment of a parent. Some of the children we serve just need a little help to overcome challenges. SEALKIDS steps in to provide **targeted and immediate intervention** to ensure these children reach their full potential. SEALKIDS relies on donors, like you, to help these children.

The average cost to serve one child is \$5000.

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