

Joree's Story



*"Love Goes Both Ways:
Surrendering to the Truth of Dependence"*

Bill and Jill Harbeck have been part of the Arion family since 2007. Their baby girl, Joree was born 13 weeks premature and suffered severe seizures which caused cerebral palsy and significant damage to her brain. "Love Goes Both Ways" was birthed out of the Harbeck's life journey with Joree. Bill Harbeck states "Love goes both ways when we are willing to admit there is nothing we can do to determine the outcome of our lives, and we surrender to the truth that we are all dependent on others to assist us in traveling this road of life. Joy comes when we allow others to love and care for us deeply and when we do the same in return".

Bill is the founder and director of Holding onto Hope Ministries. Books may be purchased at www.holdingontohope.org or Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Monthly Shout Out: Rocio Evans Meza



Rocio is what I call my savior; she has been nothing but a blessing for my daughters, Alyssa and Olivia.

Rocio tends to their every need and treats them as if they are her own. She provides great care for them and goes out of her way to keep my girls happy, whether it's taking them on an outing for a joyride to calm them down or just a quick drive thru to grab a meal. My girls are not the easiest to care for, but somehow Rocio helps make it all work. For a single mother with two children with disabilities, finding someone like Rocio is a blessing. I am glad and very proud to have Rocio in our lives!

Thank You, The Estrada family

"Best Cities for People with Disabilities"

According to a recent article published in "DisabilityScoop.com" by Shaun Heasley, Arizona boasts 3 of the top five cities for persons with disabilities.

According to the article, Overland Park, Kansas took the honors of first place in their analysis of the nation's 150 most populated cities. Also rounding out the list's top five cities for people with disabilities are Lubbock, Texas and **three Arizona towns — Peoria, Scottsdale and Chandler.**

On the flip side, Providence, R.I. fared worst in the ranking with Miami and Hialeah, Fla. as well as Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, Nev. coming in at the bottom. Put together by the consumer finance website WalletHub, the ranking factors three key areas — economic environment, quality of life and health care — to assess each locale and determine what the site called "the most suitable conditions for individuals with disabilities." Specifically, each city was measured based on 23 factors ranging from the cost of living to the employment rate for people with disabilities in the area, walkability and the effectiveness of the state Medicaid program, WalletHub said. Please visit WWW.DisabilityScoop.com for full review of the article.