

Celebrate

National Disability Awareness Month

October 2007

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Jon Comer Professional Skateboarder and Amputee

Jon Comer has always been active. At age 4 he was playing on his Big Wheel tricycle in the alley behind his house in Texas. A 14-year-old joy-rider was also playing in the same alley with a car and he ran over Jon's leg; the car came to rest on Jon's leg; neighbors attempted to lift the car off of Jon's leg, but his leg, ankle and foot were permanently damaged.

For three years doctors made unsuccessful attempts to restore Jon's limb and decided it was necessary to amputate. Instead of being depressed about the procedure, Jon said that he looked at the positive side and was excited about the opportunity to receive a prosthesis that would allow him to walk, run, jump and play as he used to. At age 7, Jon's upbeat attitude was already apparent and he said that he looked forward to his "fake leg."

Jon threw himself into the sport of skateboarding with passion and competed aggressively, overcoming obstacles and never giving up. Even without the foot, ankle and leg that he was born with, Jon surpassed competitors who had the feet, ankles and legs that they were born with.

The program is all about overcoming obstacles; Jon's life and story will drive home the message that anyone can become empowered to do what they want to do as long as they have the passion and discipline.



Friday, October 26

12:00 noon

Jefferson Alumni Hall, Cafeteria

Lunch will be served.

For more information please contact:

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