

Dear Community Supporter Fall, 2010

Greetings from the **H2Okie Aquatics** swim team, a tax-exempt non-profit affiliate of New River Valley Aquatics, Inc. As a year round competitive United States Swimming team, we serve the needs of athletes throughout the New River Valley and beyond, and have established close ties to the Virginia Tech aquatics programs. We have a proud heritage, with our athletes achieving state, regional and national titles as well as college scholarships. We have continued to see a growing interest in our program, with this fall's early H2Okie enrollments approaching 150 athletes. Further growth is expected this year with the opening of our home pool, the spectacular **Aquatic Center of Christiansburg**.

The H2Okie program serves athletes from the NRV and beyond, offering a **Stroke School** for beginning swimmers, an **Olympic Development** competitive age group program that also includes **Virginia Tech** students and **independent competitors** regardless of age. We also offer programs for those swimmers who are preparing exclusively for high school competition, for related sports such triathlon and water polo, for athletes with disabilities and those who simply find swimming to be a means of improving their general health, managing weight, and pursuing a healthy lifetime activity.

Participation in aquatic sports is an expensive proposition, however, because of pool facility costs, the need for a low coach to swimmer ratio, equipment and travel expenses. A key policy of the NRVA is to attempt to make aquatic sports open to all who apply, including those with limited means; therefore, we offer financial support **scholarships** to as many swimmer-applicants as possible on the basis of their financial need.

In order to keep our swimmer family fees at a minimum, we depend heavily on financial support from individuals and businesses in our community. In return for their contributions, our sponsors can take satisfaction for their role in our swimmers' development, and can also take advantage of exciting new marketing opportunities, with the opening of the spectacular **Aquatic Center of Christiansburg**, slated for opening the winter-spring of 2010. H2Okie Aquatics will be hosting major state and regional multi-day swim meets at this facility, which will draw 500 to 800 swimmers, their fans and family, to the New River Valley.

We want to acknowledge your support and highlight your business at these meets. Please review the enclosed pledge form as a way to join with us to help the dedicated youth-athletes of our community.

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