



Ripple Effect

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2018 Ripple Effect



Annual GALA

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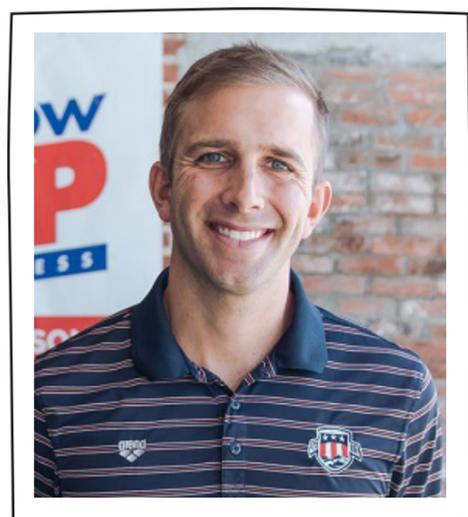


SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 6

6:00-10:00 pm

Shore Hotel, Santa Monica



MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR:



Jimmy Dabney is currently training some of our adults at Show Up Fitness, one of the proud sponsors of The Ripple Effect Gala.

On Sept 22 while the pool was closed, he gave our Masters swimmers an awesome dryland workout. He is a former Division I NCAA All-American at the University of Tennessee and has a master's in Psychology. He swam the 50 yard free in 19 seconds, 100 yard free in 43 seconds, 200 yard free in 1:36 seconds. He can be reached at 865-599-6665.



Floyd's Favorite Quote:

"You must be shapeless, formless, like water. When you pour water in a cup, it becomes the cup. When you pour water in a bottle, it becomes the bottle. When you pour water in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Water can drip, and it can crash. Become like water my friend."

— Bruce Lee



GALA SPOTLIGHT:

Dr. Jeannette Betancourt

This year at the SWH Gala we have a very special guest, Dr Jeannette Betancourt. We are so honored to have her at the event, as she is a revered advocate for all types of children. Dr. Betancourt is the Senior Vice President for U.S. Social Impact at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street. She directs the development and implementation of community and family engagement initiatives, making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

Dr. Betancourt is a licensed bilingual speech and language pathologist and an educational therapist. She also participates on several national and local boards and has contributed to the start of charter schools. Dr. Betancourt has a BA and MA in Speech and Language Pathology; a MS in Bilingual Reading/Special Education, and an EdD in Special Education.

She is the creator of the autistic Muppet, Julia, on Sesame Street. Her creation of the Julia character is part of Dr. Betancourt's mission to encourage children to learn about others that have special needs and to teach kids how to interact and include them in everyday situations. She represents everything that SWH is all about and we are thrilled she will be attending.

Dr. Betancourt will be donating two books to every family that attends the Ripple Effect Gala. We hope to see you all there! **Tickets can be purchased online at swimwithheart.org/gala.**

October Calendar Dates:

OCTOBER 10

[Swim with Heart turns 9!](#)

OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

[No 6pm or 7:30pm practice](#)

A Heartfelt Thanks to COACH FLOYD

Floyd Delfin has been a swim coach/behaviorist for SWH for the last four years and we are very sad to see him go. His loyalty and hard work have made him the superhero of the Swim with Heart "Sharks" swim team and beloved by the kids. While most of these kids can have difficult days due to their conditions, Floyd is always a constant for them. He makes them laugh, smile, and work hard at overcoming challenges in the water. He is calm and patient with each child and adjusts his teaching style based on their individual needs.

Floyd and Mikey's coaching styles are polar opposites, but that's what has made them a "dream team." Mikey is the first to say, "It's amazing how the two of us with very different learning styles could reach the same end result." Floyd has always been more soft-spoken than Mikey and the other coaches at SWH, but when he does speak, it is always profound. He is the person who makes kids feel comfortable when they don't want to get in the pool and has a way of calming them down when they have a bad day. While students' moods and behaviors may be different day to day, Floyd's consistent knack for handling difficult situations makes it look easy. There is no one that could ever replace Floyd and he will be missed dearly, but we know that he will be successful in his future endeavors. Thank you, Floyd!



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