

Renea,

Just wanted to thank you for your ongoing support of the Exceeding Expectations group of kids.

The Redlands Triathlon was our very first race in 2001 and we've been there every year since. Your sponsorship of the kids makes it possible for us to bring the entire group and lets all the kids benefit from the experience.

These at-risk kids have very little guidance and direction in their lives. The only real expectation of them is that they'll drop out early and hang around in the neighborhood like everyone else. Nearly all of them come from families where no one has graduated from high school, so the value of education and of doing something with your life are concepts with which they were not familiar until they started racing with Exceeding Expectations. Now we're seeing great improvement in all aspects of their lives. If this isn't Holistic Healing, I don't know what is!

Your race is a challenge to be met and when they finish and get their finisher's medal, it changes their lives in many ways. The last couple of years we've had some of the kids' parents at the race as spectators. They don't speak or understand much English, but it's very clear to them what their kid is accomplishing and it changes their view of their own child, hopefully raising their expectations for their kid. Again...Holistic Healing at its best.

Thank you very much. We look forward to getting the details on this year's race.  
Cherie