



**GRAND RAPIDS WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO AWARD 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE PRIZE TO MARY FREE BED HAND CYCLIST AT THE FIFTH THIRD RIVERBANK RUN**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (March 8, 2010) - We pleased to announce our participation this year in the Fifth Third River Bank Run. We are especially excited to be unveiling the first Western Michigan Handcycle Racing Team. The team will participate in their first race together at the 2010 Fifth Third River Bank Run. Invacare will be supporting the team as a national sponsor by providing a new handcycle and racing uniforms to all team members. The team is proud to represent GRWSA and those with disabilities.

We will once again be awarding a first place prize to the first Mary Free Bed former inpatient or current outpatient to cross the finish line in the Handcycle Division. The prize will include a commemorative trophy displaying their name and the year they won the race.

Disabled athletes who are members of the GRWSA will be racing in both the Handcycle Division as well as in the Wheelchair Division. Their participation in this event stems from the organizations desire to further expand their programs to reach the interests of more individuals.

GRWSA has been in existence since 1980. Our mission is to provide and promote competitive and recreational wheelchair sports for persons with physical disabilities. GRWSA currently sponsors programs in wheelchair tennis and basketball for children and adults, a road racing program, a one week sports camp for children ages 7 – 18 and new to 2009 is an adult sled hockey clinic and wheelchair softball outing at Fifth Third Ball Park.

For additional information regarding the Grand Rapids Wheelchair Sports Association's programs visit [www.grwsa.com](http://www.grwsa.com). For further information regarding the Community Pediatric programs at Mary Free Bed visit [www.maryfreebed.com](http://www.maryfreebed.com).

We are excited to continue this joint venture with Mary Free Bed and Fifth Third and look forward to future years of collaboration.

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