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## **Kentwood's Fourth Annual Parks and Recreation Gala to Benefit Adaptive Recreation Opportunities**

**Kentwood, Michigan, May 1, 2019** – All are invited to attend The Vibe, a gala benefiting Kentwood Parks and Recreation's adaptive programs, on Friday, May 17.

The Vibe will highlight the City's adaptive water sports programs, which include kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, wake boarding and water skiing for all ages and abilities.

The celebration will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. at Stonewater Country Club, located at 7177 Kalamazoo Ave. SE in Caledonia, and include a keynote speaker, dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

"Kentwood's adaptive recreation programs exist to provide people of all abilities a chance to recreate in a positive and safe environment," said Katelyn Bush, recreation program coordinator. "We take pride in planning and implementing quality recreation and enrichment programs that empower all members in our community and encourage health, wellness, positive socialization and overall an excellent quality of life."

The evening will feature keynote speaker [Josh George](#), a six-time Paralympic world champion and world record holder. At the age of four, George traded in walking for rolling after falling from a twelve-story window onto concrete.

George's enthusiasm and beliefs possess a contagious energy that has helped people build confidence and have made him a highly sought-after motivational speaker.

George has explored the realm of adapted athletics, participating in everything from basketball to track and field, archery, table tennis and swimming. Basketball and racing quickly became his stand-out sports and, along the way, he has become a sought-after motivational speaker, as well as an entrepreneur. In his journey, George spreads the message of inclusivity, maximizing your potential and, above all else, the idea that we must keep moving fast.

"We are so honored to have Josh George provide the keynote at this year's event," said Val Romeo, Kentwood Parks and Recreation director. "We welcome the community to join us to hear his remarkable story and learn how inclusive recreational opportunities can really make a difference in people's lives."

Tickets for the semi-formal event are \$100 per person and can be purchased online at [kentwoodvibe.com](http://kentwoodvibe.com) or by calling 616.656.5270. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday,

May 10.

There are sponsorship opportunities available, with levels ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. More information is available [online](#).

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