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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DREAM MAKERS YOUTH FOUNDATION LAUNCHES “ASK GAVIN” WEBPAGE**

Non-profit organization launches “Ask Gavin” advice column  
to answer disability-related questions

Smyrna, Ga – Dream Makers Youth Foundation is proud to announce the recent launch of their new webpage: “Ask Gavin.” Similar to the famous “Dear Abby” advice column, “Ask Gavin” answers questions directed towards the writer, but the difference is that the questions asked will be specifically disability-related. World-class Paralympic wheelchair basketball player Gavin Cloy, will act as mediator.

Gavin was introduced to wheelchair basketball shortly after losing his legs during a train accident in his early twenties. During the course of his recovery, he started playing wheelchair basketball, which has become an integral part of who he is. "When something as catastrophic as losing a limb occurs, you can go two directions, and only one of them is positive," Gavin shared. After three years of rehabilitation and numerous setbacks, he found his inner strength, and "...the confidence to press ahead and, ultimately, excel." He is now recognized as one of the best wheelchair basketball players in the world.

Gavin believes strongly in the importance of sports for all, and is passionate about introducing wheelchair sports to youth in chairs. He is also interested and willing to share his experience and expertise, especially with those who have recently become disabled.

Nikki Wilson, President of Dream Makers Youth Foundation, believes Gavin is the perfect candidate for an advice column such as this, because he has experienced being typically-developing and disabled. She considers their “Ask Gavin” page “...an awesome resource for those (both typically developing, and those with disabilities) who have questions or concerns about what it’s like to be or become disabled, the rehabilitation process, or playing wheelchair sports,” and she looks forward to it evolving into a therapeutic tool used throughout the country.

Visit their website today at [www.dmyf.info](http://www.dmyf.info) and “Ask Gavin”

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#### **About Dream Makers Youth Foundation**

Dream Makers Youth Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational and recreational opportunities for children with special needs throughout Metropolitan Atlanta. DMYF currently offers tutorial services within Atlanta Public Schools, as well as tennis lessons and a basketball league for children with mild to moderate intellectual delays through their S.T.A.R.S. Adaptive Sports Program. These services are currently offered free of charge.

For more information, visit their website at: [www.dmyf.info](http://www.dmyf.info)