

Little People of America
Trifecta 2015

SCUBA PRESENTATION

Saturday 8:00-8:30 am
Arizona Ballroom C

Are you interested in learning how to SCUBA dive? This presentation is open to all conference attendees. (The dive training immediately following is restricted to 20 participants).

The Cody Unser First Step Foundation (CUFSF), a global not-for-profit organization is dedicated to raising research funds, public awareness and quality of life for those afflicted with all forms of spinal cord-related paralysis. <http://www.cufsf.org/>

Facilitators –

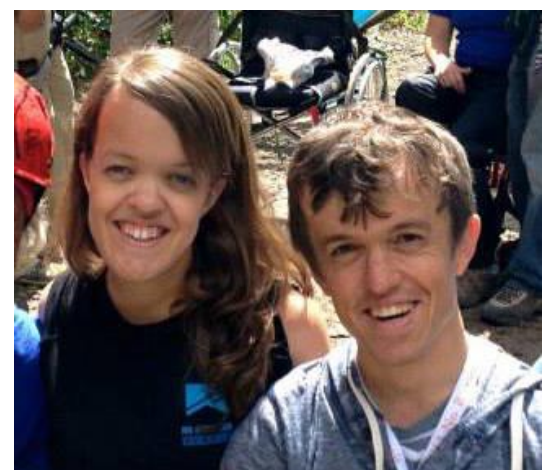
Cody Unser was diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a rare but often paralyzing spinal inflammation at age 12. Cody, now 28, created the Cody Unser First Step Foundation over 10 years ago to raise awareness and funds to fight paralysis and then Operation Deep Down, training veterans and individuals with disabilities to scuba dive. Born into a family of thrill seekers, Unser, daughter of Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser Jr., made it her goal to integrate those with disabilities into the mainstream sport. After learning that she would spend her life in a wheelchair, Cody made it her mission to help foster a better life for those with paralysis and other disabilities.

LPA members, **Sandy and Gabe Taylor**, were introduced to CUFSF at the No



Cody Unser

Barrier's Summit in Telluride in 2013. Embracing the No Barrier's motto, "What's within you is stronger than what's in your way," we dove right in! Equipped with fins & goggles, Gabe did discover that what was within him was stronger than what was in his way! "Without CUFSF, I would never have had this chance and seen it is possible to do this no matter what your disability may be. That's pretty awesome!"



Sandy and Gabe