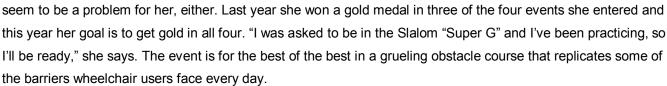


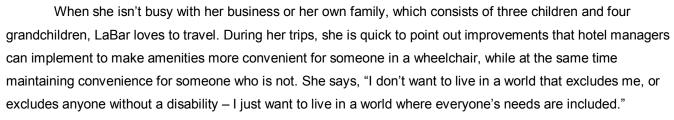
Tricia LaBar - Turning Challenges into Opportunities

While her calm and friendly demeanor reveals nothing to us about this strong competitor beneath it all, Tricia LaBar loves a challenge. "For me, a challenge is not a wall," she says. "A challenge is an opportunity for me to exercise my brain and figure out how I'm going to adapt." This 51-year-old entrepreneur from Rockwall, Texas, believes that the National Veterans Wheelchair Games provide the perfect outlet for her to face new challenges and turn them into opportunities.

A former stocking and accounting specialist in the Army, LaBar now owns her own business, *ABC Home Medical*. A medical supply business based in Texas, the company is also a bronze level sponsor of the Wheelchair Games.

LaBar has attended the Wheelchair Games every year since 1995 and insists that every year brings new challenges. Meeting those challenges doesn't





This year LaBar has teamed up with a well known children's author on a series of stories about Dana, a girl in a wheelchair and her dog, Jack. "Most books concentrate on the child and their disability," LaBar says. "We concentrate not on her being in a wheelchair, but on the adventures she has, and that is the appeal." The stories have been well received by adults and children and LaBar hopes they will be produced in time for the Games in July. Whether she's competing in the Games, busy at her job, spending time with family and friends or embarking on new endeavors, LaBar remains ready to face any challenges she comes across so she can keep on turning them into brand new opportunities.