

## LET'S HELP ONE OF OUR DFWTT TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS TO REACH HIS DREAM

**Raymond Sacco** will be participating in his first international Para Table Tennis Tournament in San Jose, Costa Rica later this month.

**Para Table Tennis is a disabled sport**, which follows the rules set by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Athletes from disability groups can take part. Athletes receive classifications between 1-11.



Raymond has been nationally classified in Class 11. Class 11 is defined for players with intellectual disabilities. Intellectual disability (ID) is a generalized neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by significantly impaired intellectual and adaptive functioning. According to INAS, it is defined by an IQ score of 75 or lower in addition to deficits in two or more adaptive behaviors that affect every day, general living.

There are not much opportunities for disabled athletes to compete with other Para Table Tennis athletes in the U.S. So, in order for Raymond to be able to accomplish his dream, it will require much more international travel and a huge financial commitment on his part. Unfortunately, there is so little funding for athletes with disabilities.

It's our hope through this fundraiser to be able to raise \$1,900 to help Raymond to cover for his trip expenses.

So, all we are asking is for you to help Raymond to cover some or all of his travel expenses to Costa Rica with your support and generosity. No donation is too small and every bit can help Raymond and his family of a huge financial burden.

**This Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we will be collecting your donations during our DFWTT Fall Tournament.**

Alternatively, you can send your tax deductible donation at your earliest opportunity directly to:

**USATT / Para Table Tennis  
4065 Sinton Rd, Suite 120  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907**

**Note Reference: 2017 Parapan  
Championship Class 11**

Regardless of whether or not you can donate, we hope the story of Raymond inspires you to achieve your dreams, regardless of what obstacles you might face.

Thank you in advance for your help and support to our DFWTT member and player Raymond Sacco!

Good luck in Costa Rica Raymond!

