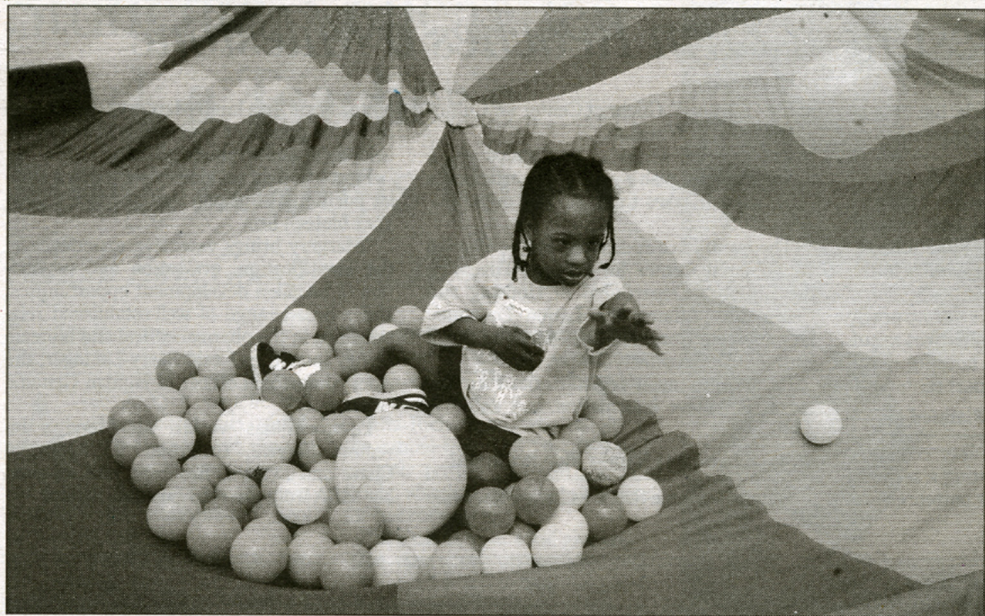


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Jonathan Thomas, 5, was one of many children who turned out Sunday for KEEN's Greater D.C. Sports Festival.

## For KEEN Kids, A Chance to Play And Accomplish

About 600 people turned out for the KEEN Greater D.C. Sports Festival at Hadleys Playground in Potomac on Sunday afternoon for games and fun in exceptional weather.

Kids Enjoy Exercise Now provides free recreational programs to young people with disabilities. It is in its 14th year, and Sunday marked the organization's fifth festival.

Events included tug of war, an obstacle course and a moon bounce. All athletes received medals and offered "prouds" — moments when they shared something they had accomplished that day.

The kids had so much fun that "a lot of them had a really hard time going



Myles Murrell, 7, plays with volunteer Burt Braveman during the festival, which was for children with disabilities. More than 600 people attended.

home," said coordinator Meghan O'Donoghue.

The organization has established programs in Maryland and Virginia and recently opened one in the District. In

2004, KEEN began a national expansion, launching programs in Chicago and Kansas City. That was followed by openings of programs in Los Angeles and St. Louis. For information, call 202-965-6470.