

Team Operation Rebound - Ironman® 70.3 Kansas



On June 14th, more than \$34,000 was raised by Team Operation Rebound - Ironman® 70.3 Kansas to support the athletic endeavors of our permanently injured troops and first responders. The team was comprised of Operation Rebound (OR) athletes Anthony Smith, Mike Gallardo, and Paralympic Gold Medalist Oz Sanchez as well as 21 other able-bodied triathletes from the Mid-West and Southern United States.

"The reception was great from the Ironman® 70.3 Kansas participants" said Nico Marcolongo, CAF's Operation Rebound Program Manager, "Everyone we met during the event was extremely supportive and inspired by our Operation Rebound athletes and expressed their enthusiasm to have us return next year."

Supporters of the Team Operation Rebound included Kansas University Football Defensive Coordinator Clint Bowen. Bowen attended the event to watch Anthony Smith race after being impressed when meeting with Smith during a tour of the university's football facilities.

All of the OR athletes had a great time and the people of Kansas really made the athletes and staff feel at home. "Being a part of CAF's Operation Rebound is like being a part of a family" said Mike Gallardo, OR Athlete and Ironman® 70.3 Kansas participant. "It was great to see so many people support our efforts."