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Yes, You Can!

In a triathlon, the crowd saw a man in the water pulling his handicapped son in a boat behind him. Then the man rode a special bike, and his son was sitting on the front of it. In the last part of the race, this father pushed his son in front of him in a wheelchair. This was a long and difficult race, but the father did not give up. The people were amazed and touched. They stood up and cheered loudly when the father and son crossed the finish line.

This “super” team was made up of Dick Hoyt and his son, Rick. Rick was born with cerebal palsy. People with this disease have problems moving and speaking. The doctors told Dick and his wife to put their son into a home for disabled people. However, the couple noticed that Rick’s eyes would move with them as they moved around the room. They believed that Rick was intelligent and would be able to communucate with them someday. Dick and his wife kept teaching their son, and finally, Rick was even able to go to college.

Several years later, Rick wanted to participate in a five-mile race. His father was not a runner, but he agreed to push Rick in his wheelchair. They took part in the race and finished secind to last. However, Rick was very happy. He told his father, “Dad, when we’re running, I fell I’m not handicapped.” His parents realized that Rick could participate in these races just like everyone else. Since then, the father and son have together completed more than 1,000 races. They have even run and biked across the U.S.

Dick and Rick are known as “Team Hoyt.” They make a wonderful team because they really love each other and never give up. Their experience has inspired them to form the Hoyt Foundation. Its aim is to help disabled young people feel more confident about themselves. “Yes, you can!” is the message that the father and son want to send to the world.