

August Newsletter - 2010



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IT'S OUR STORY IS LIVE ON YOUTUBE!

Just in time for the 26th anniversary of the ADA, [It's Our Story](#) is putting the voices of America's disability activists online, public and accessible, for the world to see.

Check out the [Youtube Channel!](#)



It's Our Story is a national initiative to make national disability history accessible. They've conducted over 1,000 video interviews with disability leaders across the nation; now, they're making these voices public and accessible so everyone can take part in the discussion about what it means to be an American with a disability.



Submit a Proclamation and Become Part of the **2010 by 2010 Campaign!**

The 2010 by 2010 Campaign's goal is to collect 2,010 "Proclamations of Recommitment" to the mission of the ADA in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the ADA by the end of the year. Join us and become part of a nation-wide effort to proclaim a recommitment to vision and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act--full inclusion of people with disabilities into American life!

[Follow](#) the 2010 ADA Anniversary Campaign on Twitter!



Alice & Diana are off to Texas!

*Diana Braun will be giving the keynote address at the Texas Advocate's upcoming "Catch the Wave" conference in Corpus Christi. Diana and Alice will screen **Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy** and conduct a workshop on specific skills for independent living. Participants make a checklist of the skills they have and the skills they would like to learn as Diana describes learning to drive, cook, manage a house, make doctors appointments and advocate for her rights. Check our website for a pdf version of the independent living skills worksheet!*

OR send an email to info@welcomechange.org to get a copy



Click [HERE](#) to for more information on the conference

Wish Diana luck before the conference! Write on her Facebook wall! Click [here](#)

Alice's Active Advocacy

Disability News, Media, Links, Opinions & Jokes

Our third edition still lacks jokes - feel free to submit your own

Film director and disability media expert, Alice Elliott, provides recommendations for disability resources

Alice's Disability Blog Recommendations

1. [Justice for All](#)- Fantastic disability news blog with separate categories for disability community, culture, history, statistics and stereotypes.
2. [Media dis&dat](#) - Great source for news and information on disability issues and exciting new media.
3. [Disability Studies, Temple University](#) - Cool stuff in the world of Disability Studies, Geography, and History. Based at Temple University in Philadelphia, with contributors from coast to coast.

Six-word Memoirs of the disability experience in honor of the 20th anniversary of the ADA Collected by Katherine Schneider, PhD.

President Obama speaks on the ADA

"Today, as we commemorate what the ADA accomplished, we celebrate who the ADA was all about. It was about the young girl in Washington State who just wanted to see a movie at her hometown theater, but was turned away because she had cerebral palsy; or the young man in Indiana who showed up at a worksite, able to do the work, excited for the opportunity, but was turned away and called a cripple because of a minor disability he had already trained himself to work with; or the student in California who was eager and able to attend the college of his dreams, and refused to let the iron grip of polio keep him from the classroom -- each of whom became integral to this cause. And it was about all of you. You understand these stories because you or someone you loved lived them. And that sparked a movement. It began when Americans no longer saw their own disabilities as a barrier to their success, and set out to tear down the physical and social barriers that were. It grew when you realized you weren't alone. It became a massive wave of bottom-up change that swept across the country as you refused to accept the world as it was. And when you were told, no, don't try, you can't -- you responded with that age-old American creed: Yes, we can."

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire speech.

Looking for films made from a *people-first perspective*?

[New Day Films](#): Independent filmmaker owned and operated collective of social action films, with a specific focus "Disabilities:

A New Perspective”



Smile, you qualify for handicapped parking?
-Susan Gignac

Disability Requires Intense and Infinite Awareness.
-Laura Overstreet

Finally allowed to show we can!
-Elizabeth L. Sammons

Difference is more wonderful than chocolate -Dirk
N.

Born deaf. Love life. Happy father.
-Nathan David Crowe

Magnify this print--expand my options.
-Marilyn Brandt Smith

Have your own?

Email it to info@welcomechange.org and we'll publish it in
next month's newsletter!

Sprout Film Festival: Founded in 2003, Sprout presents films to
reinforce accurate portrayals of people with developmental
disabilities and expose the general public to important issues facing
this population



SuperFest: This annual competition showcasing cutting-edge films
that portray disability culture in all its diverse, complex, and
empowering facets, is the longest running festival of its kind in the
world.



DisThis!: The disTHIS! Film Series, a program of the Disabilities
Network of New York City, showcases festival-quality comedies,
satires, dramas & documentaries that offer ground-breaking
interpretations of the disability experience.



Welcome Change News & Updates

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will screen
Thursday, August 26th at [The Other Film
Festival](#) in Melbourne, Australia.



Alice Elliott will be speaking at Roger Williams
University in Providence, Rhode Island. She will
address the freshmen class on service
leadership using her film,
The Collector of Bedford Street.

Want to Win a FREE STREAM?

Be the first to answer the following trivia question
correctly and receive a code allowing you stream
either *Collector* or *Body & Soul* for FREE online at
www.newdaydigital.com.

TRIVIA:

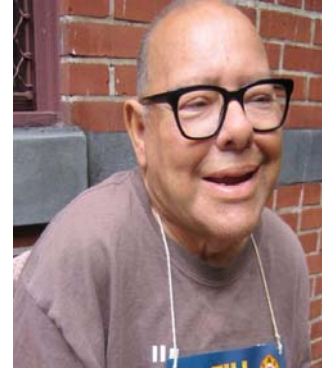
Where will *The Collector of Bedford Street* screen
next?

Hint: Check out the [website](#)

**Become a fan of
Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on Facebook!**



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Keep up with Larry!
To follow Larry on twitter and get updates on his
fundraising activities, visit
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