

## January Newsletter - 2010



*Leading social change by revealing the big stories hidden in the human heart.*

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*Happy New Year from Alice Elliott & Everyone at Welcome Change!*

***Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy  
has been accepted into the***

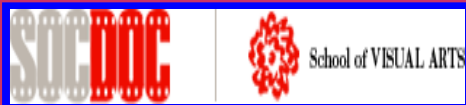
**AMERICAN  
DOCUMENTARY  
SHOWCASE<sup>SM</sup>**

The [American Documentary Showcase](#) is a curated program of contemporary documentaries that is offered to US Embassies for screening abroad. Funded by, and as a cooperative program with, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State, the Showcase is designed to promote American documentaries and their filmmakers at international venues.

The goal of the Showcase is to offer a broad, diversified look at life in the United States and the values of a democratic society as seen by American documentary filmmakers. The Showcase is intended to demonstrate the role documentary plays in fostering understanding and cooperation. For more information - click the image below.



**Alice Elliott speaking at SVA  
'Process and Style' Guest Lecture Series**



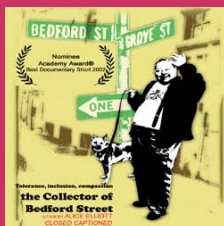
***Thursday 02.11.10***

***- [Alice Elliott](#) -***



(Pictured above: Rosa Marcellino, 7 of Edgewater poses with

*Advocacy and Education*  
*"The Collector of Bedford Street"*



This lecture series is primarily for the MFA SocDoc students, however in this first year we will have a few additional seats in each lecture for guests. If you would like to be emailed about seats open for the Thursday night lectures (6:30p-9:20p) please email [mfasocdoc@sva.edu](mailto:mfasocdoc@sva.edu) and you will be placed on an email notice list.

Maryland State Delegate, Bob Costa)

In the News...

Rosa's Law: Striking the term "mentally retarded" from federal lexicon

On January 26th, House Health and Government Operations Committee in Maryland gave "Rosa's Law" its first hearing. The law would mandate that the current terminology, "mentally retarded," be changed to "intellectually disabled" on state health and education paperwork.

[Click here](#) to read Senator Barbara Mikulski's statement on the introduction of Rosa's Law

**Diana Update!**

Diana's year is off to a busy start! She just returned from giving a major presentation at the 8th Annual QMRP Leadership Conference hosted by The Arc of Illinois. Participants learned how to support self-determination and what self-advocates want.

For more information, click the logo below



*Congratulations to*  
*The Collector of Bedford Street*  
**AND**  
*Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy*

Both Alice Elliott's film's will be appearing in "[Reframing Reality](#)" -- The First International Film Festival in Israel to present films that challenge the Concept of Disability at the Jerusalem Cinematheque, April 27-29, 2010!

*Welcome Change News & Updates*

\*Congratulations to 'Including Samuel' for the successful *National Youth Inclusion Summit* in Maryland last month.\*  
For information, check out Including Samuel's director, Dan Habib's [blog](#).

*"IT'S OUR STORY - A CALL TO ACTION"*

National Media and History Project

*180 Days Until The 20th Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA*

\*Alice Elliott has filmed an interview with United Nations Television's "Global Connections" program. More information

Justin Dart's "Discrimination Diaries," are landmark collection of 5,000 testimonies from all 50 states created to urge Congress to pass the Americans with Disabilities

coming soon on how to view.

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\*The World Community Film Festival is a traveling festival hosted by Langara Collge in Canada. Last weekend, *Body & Soul* was shown at the festival as part of their opening weekend in Vancouver, BC. For more about the festival [click here](#).

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\* Community Bridges, a community-based not-for-profit agency that supports people with disabilities and their families, will host a screening of *The Collector of Bedford Street* this month!

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\*Algonquin College in Ottawa, Canada is using *Body & Soul: Diana and Kathy* as a resource for students being educated on supporting people with disabilities. Each student in Cecelia Taylor's communications class in the Developmental Service Worker (DSW) program will stream the film via New Day Digital. Check it out:  
<http://www.newdaydigital.com/>

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\*Congratulations to Denise Cerreta on the successful [One World Everybody Eats](#) Summit in New Orleans last month. The first-annual meet and greet of Community Kitchens nationwide used the summit as an opportunity to congratulate everyone for risking, surviving and serving their communities in the most sincere, on-the-ground way. It was an opportunity to share ideas and stories in an effort to help the idea of a fair-pay community kitchen continue to thrive.

Act of 1990.

**Please help transcribe your state's stories to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the ADA.**

The goal of the project is to have these 5,000 testimonies transcribed from PDF into .doc in order to make a searchable, accessible database to be made public online on July 26, 2010, 20 years to the day after the passage of the ADA.

Mr. Dart traveled to all 50 states at least 2 times between the years of 1986 and 1990, documenting the struggles of people with disabilities to assert their rights. He brought these testimonies before Congress, effectively convincing our policy-makers of the need for legal protection of the civil rights of people with disabilities.

Once transcribed, these primary source materials will be used for disability history projects, contribute content for community engagement materials, and offer groundbreaking opportunities for our community to tell our own story.

If, like we do, you feel that the transcription of these documents is of critical importance to our community, please follow [this link](#) to start transcribing from your browser window.

Sponsored by [The Victor Pineda Foundation](#)  
Victor Pineda shares insights about 'It's Our Story' in [this video](#)

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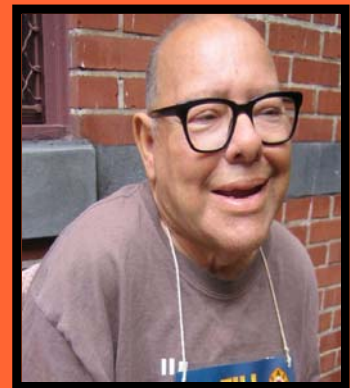
<http://twitter.com/dianaandkathy>



Welcome Change Holiday Giveaway We Have A Winner!

Congrats to Daniel W!

**TRIVIA QUESTION: In what year did The Collector of**



**Keep up with Larry!**

To follow Larry on twitter and get updates on his fundraising activities, visit

Bedford Street make its television debut?

ANSWER: 2002

*Look out for more trivia and chances to win great Welcome Change prizes!*

<https://twitter.com/LarryCollector>



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