

September Newsletter - 2010



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*This year marks the
20th Anniversary of the **Americans with Disabilities Act.***

The celebration continues!

Click [HERE](#) to watch President Obama's ADA Anniversary PSA

Call for Stories: ADA Generation Putting Together A Book - Add your story!

***** Deadline: January 15, 2011 *****

Co-Editors, Ari Ne'eman and Stacey Milbern, are requesting proposals for chapters in a book-length anthology to document this legacy and record the stories of disabled young people talking about what it is to grow up with a disability in this day and age.

Seeking creative non-fiction essays from young people with disabilities ages 13-30 (some flexibility will be available for compelling submissions from individuals slightly outside our preferred age range). People with all types of disabilities are welcome to submit. Speaking from personal experience is strongly encouraged. The intent of this project is to use personal voices to capture the experience of the new generation of young people with disabilities.

Submissions should range from **2,000 to 5,000 words**. Please include your address, phone number, e-mail address and a short bio on the manuscript.

Proposals are due by e-mail to voicesoftheadageneration@gmail.com to January 15, 2011 but we encourage and will consider for approval early submissions. Please e-mail co-editors Stacey Milbern and Ari Ne'eman at voicesoftheadageneration@gmail.com with questions.

Alice & Diana in Texas!

*Alice Elliott and Diana Braun just returned from Corpus Christi, Texas where Diana presented at the [Texas Advocate's "Catch the Wave"](#) conference. **Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy** was screened and Diana conducted a workshop on specific skills for independent living. Participants went through checklist of the skills they have and the skills they would like to learn as Diana described learning to drive, cook, manage a house, make doctors appointments and advocate for her rights.*

[CLICK HERE](#) for a pdf version of the independent living skills worksheet!



Diana signing autographs for conference attendees and posing with some new friends!

Have a message for Diana? Want to see more pictures from the trip? Check out *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy's* Facebook page! 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 Tips for Choosing Media

1. Think about your audience. What will demand their *active engagement*? What will challenge them to think about what they know, how they know it, and how to share it with others?

2. Consider *style, tone, point of view, format* and *length*. In what context are you using the media and what do you hope to achieve?

3. Look for films that show (rather than just tell) key concepts and repeat important information in a variety of ways for different kinds of learners.

For more helpful hints, check out Sheila Curran Bernard's best-selling book [Documentary Storytelling](#)

Six-word Memoirs of the disability experience in honor of the 20th anniversary of the ADA

Your August Submissions

ADA NEWS

Movie Captioning and Video Description [for Movies Shown at Movie Theaters]

The Department of Justice (Department) is considering revising its regulation implementing title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in order to establish requirements for making the goods, services, facilities, privileges, accommodations, or advantages offered by movie theater owners or operators at movie theaters accessible to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or have low vision by screening movies with closed captioning or video description. The Department is issuing this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) in order to solicit public comment on various issues relating to the potential application of such requirements and to obtain background information for the regulatory assessment the Department may need to prepare in adopting any such requirements.

For more information [click here](#)

R-Word Campaign Update

Victory: Senate Unanimously Passes Rosa's Law to Remove R-Word from Federal Books

Everything I need is within me!

-Paul Harvey

Mental illness doesn't mean broken brain.

-J. Hand

Have your own?

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

Welcome Change News & Updates

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will screen at the Open Frame Film Festival produced by the [Public Service Broadcasting Trust](#) in India on September 15th.

ONE WORLD BLOG LAUNCHED!

"The blog is about travel, food, and community. It includes a unique Community and Food Waste Reduction Rating System to assist you as you seek out places to eat that care about ending food waste and to find mindful communities. This system rates how an individual, business, non profit or actual city or area builds or fosters community. It also addresses the very important issue of food waste reduction on the same levels."

Click [HERE](#) to check out Denise Cerreta's "Community on the Road" blog!

Keep up with One World Cafe in Salt Lake City through their new community social networking site!

Click [HERE](#)!

THANK YOU ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY!

Last week, Alice spoke at RWU to the freshmen students about service leadership and screened *The Collector of Bedford Street*. The students raised \$72 for Larry's Trust Fund!

Check out Larry's new and improved [Facebook fan page!](#)

Bill strikes "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from federal education, health & labor laws

U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski (D- Md.) announced that her bill introduced to eliminate the terms "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from federal education, health and labor laws passed the Senate on Thursday night by unanimous consent.

Read the entire article - [click here](#)

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy is coming back to PBS!



Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will be rebroadcast this October for National Disability Awareness Month.

If you are interested in seeing it and helping it reach a wider audience, please ask your local public television stations and to pick it up for programming. "The channels are not required to add a feature to their program if they are unsure that there is a market for it, so it helps if people ask for the film," says Rachel Gordon, Outreach Director for Welcome Change Productions.

Contact your local PBS station and encourage them to show *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy!*
<http://www.pbs.org/>

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