

Newsletter - Fall 2016



Welcome Change Productions

Welcome Change Rings in the Fall

It's Disability Awareness Month! Check out what the Welcome Change team has been up to!



Updates from Diana

Diana has been doing well this year. She attends conferences, board meetings and events to support individuals with disabilities. In October, she will be at a conference focused on parents of children with autism and adults with autism. Diana has her own booth at this conference every year where she sells her homemade placemats, scarves, hats, and blankets. She is also going on an overnight retreat with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities from the Springfield district, of which she is a member. Diana loves to travel and make presentations on self-advocacy and independent living, as well as knitting and craft demonstrations. Please contact us to find out about her schedule for booking.



Pictured: Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City, speaks at the ADA celebration.

ADA Celebration at Gracie Mansion

In August, Alice attended a celebration at Gracie Mansion in NYC hosted by mayor de Blasio and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. The event marked the 26th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and honored businesses, organizations and New Yorkers who support and advocate for disability rights. NYU's ABILITY Lab was one of the recipients of the Sapolin Award. It was a great night!



We are very pleased to announce that *The Collector of Bedford Street* will be screening at the 2nd annual Greenwich Village Film Festival, which runs from October 24th to the 26th. Alice's short documentary will screen as part of the "Greenwich Village Portraits" segment of the fest at 7pm on opening night - Monday, October 24th. Find out more by visiting www.greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com

Alice has been working with Emmy Award-winning director, producer and writer Jason DaSilva on his new film *The Dismantled*. It is an exciting project because it marks both Jason and Alice's first ventures making fiction film. Check out a trailer for *The Dismantled* below.



Alice is also hard at work putting the finishing touches on her upcoming documentary *Miracle on 42nd Street*. The film tells the story of the Manhattan Plaza, an affordable housing complex for artists. Alice plans on submitting *Miracle* to the Tribeca Film Festival and other festivals this fall. Check out a trailer below!



Alice continues as Area Head of Documentary Studies at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She is also on NYU's Council on Disability Studies.

Hope you are enjoying the fall weather! We enjoy keeping our followers up to date with everything that is happening here at Welcome Change. If you like receiving updates, also subscribe to our Trusted source. Trusted Source is a free monthly newsletter from Welcome Change featuring media on life with disability.

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