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Enter the Olmstead Anniversary Competition and Win Prizes!

June 22, 2009, marks the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, holding unnecessary institutionalization violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. The decision requires states to move people, who want to live in the community, out of institutions.

Steve Gold is sponsoring a national contest to determine which States have best implemented the 1999 Olmstead mandate. A nationally renowned panel has been assembled to judge all entries. AUGUST 1st DEADLINE!

For more information, please visit...

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Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy to Air on PBS

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy, Alice Elliott's award winning documentary is scheduled to air on PBS this fall during National Disability Awareness Month. Please be sure to check out either <http://itvs.org/shows> or <http://welcomechange.org> for more details.



Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy recently screened at the 2009 Speaking For Ourselves Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. To get there, Kathy and Diana braved a 12 hour drive. They fielded questions from the audience and shared their insightful points of view on self-advocacy and independent living. Make sure to check in on their web site to stay up to date on the duo's travel, screenings, and activism.

<http://dianaandkathy.com/>

Follow Larry Selman on Twitter!



As of July 1, Larry has collected over \$600 for MS. To follow Larry on Twitter and get an updated account of his fundraising activities, please click here...

<https://twitter.com/LarryCollector>

NCIL Urging All Disability Advocates to Act Immediately!

Call your Senators this week – our chance to make a difference is slipping away!

For the last few months, National Center for Independent Living has been working long hours to stay up on the events, questions and dialogue surrounding the healthcare reform debate. NCIL has been busy educating its members and Congress representatives about the importance of including Long-Term Care Reforms in the Health Care Reform legislation. All of this effort has led all of us to this dramatic moment in the history of our Movement to free our brothers and sisters and bring equality and access to all people with disabilities!

For more information on this very important issue, please visit <http://www.ncil.org/news/healthcarereform.html>

And Congratulations to Kathy Martinez!

Kathy Martinez, the current Executive Director at The World Institute on Disability (WID) has just been confirmed as the Assistant Secretary of The Office of Disability and Employment Policy (ODEP) of The Department of Labor. Kathy appreciated the audio description on *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* when it screened at the 4th Annual International Shafallah Forum in Doha, Qatar in April 2009. Go Kathy!!



Victor Pineda and Kathy Martinez, Shafallah Forum April 09