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

http://welomechange.org
2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act! Click Here to help transcribe 1990's 'Discrimination Diaries' that urged Congress to pass the ADA

Larry in the News!

The Collector of Bedford Street star, Larry Selman, showed up on the front page of his local newspaper, 'The Villager', speaking at a mass rally held to support a financial bailout for St. Vincent's Hospital. As always, Larry continues to be an integral member of his community and champion local causes.

THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO LARRY'S BIRTHDAY FOR MAKING IT A SUCCESS!

Larry enjoyed a brunch with friends and opened the many birthday cards sent to him from around the world!

*Special thanks to Dick Peterson and Kiwanis International!*

Diana Update

Body & Soul's Diana Braun will be flying for the first time this month to travel to the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.

April 12-14th

Next, Diana heads to Providence, RI to give a presentation entitled, “The Nitty Gritty: Supports and Skills You Need for Independent Living” at AAIDD's Annual Conference.

June 9-11th
For more information, click the organization's logo above.

Send Diana a message of support - CLICK HERE to write on her wall!

Alice's Active Advocacy
*Our first edition lacks jokes*

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

Health Care Reform: What Does It Mean for People with Disabilities?

Check out Laura Hershey's article on the facts and implications of Health Care Reform

Take Action with JJ's List!

JJ's list gives consumers an opportunity to write and read reviews on local businesses. Currently operated by volunteers with and without disabilities; people with disabilities, families and friends post reviews of businesses to the Disability Awareness Directory, a searchable list of businesses and services that contains information about a business's disability awareness.

Media Dis & Dat Blog and Youtube Channel

Media dis&dat is a excellent resource for news and information about people with disabilities and disability issues.

The Arc of the United States Announces 45 Sub-Grant Awards for Transitioning Youth from School to Adult Life Funded by the Walmart Foundation
April 7, 2010, Washington, D.C. – Thanks to a $3 million grant from the Walmart Foundation, The Arc of the United States is awarding grants to 45 local chapters of The Arc across the U.S. in support of a new initiative designed to help youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

These Sub-Grants are being awarded as part of the Walmart Foundation School-to-Community Transition Project. The project aims to increase transition outcomes and to build inclusion and involvement of youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities in independent living, employment, post-secondary education or vocational training, and community, social and civic affairs.

Click here to read the full article.

Welcome Change News & Updates

The Collector of Bedford Street screened last month at the Red River Theatre in Concord, NH.

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Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy and The Collector of Bedford Street will be shown at the Reframing Reality Disability Film Festival in Jerusalem at the end of April.

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Body & Soul will also screen at the PacRim Conference on Disabilities on April 13 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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The Callicoon Center Band trailer will screen at Sullivan County Community College's Fisher Film Festival on May 8th.

TRIVIA:

Alice Elliott is currently working on a documentary about the Callicoon Center Band. Who is the band leader?

Hint: Check out the Welcome Change website.
Become a fan of Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on Facebook!

Follow Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on twitter

http://twitter.com/dianaandkathy

Keep up with Larry!

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

https://twitter.com/LarryCollector

Click here to donate to Welcome Change

Click here to purchase a DVD of Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy or The Collector of Bedford Street

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