

Grace & Gratitude – Working With Those With Special Needs

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Objectives

- Define Disability
- Discuss the needs of disabled children and adults
- Recognize that practicing grace with a special needs population brings a special blessing.

Define Disability

Sample List of Disabilities

- Birth Defects
- Spina Bifida
- Down Syndrome
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- ALS – “Lou Gehrigs”
- Blindness
- Mental Illness
- Developmental Disabilities
- Deafness
- Polio
- Post Traumatic Stress
- Cancer
- Alzheimer’s/Dementias
- Amputees
- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Parkinson’s Disease

Understand the Disability

- It is important to understand the individual’s disability.
- Adults
 - Ask them about themselves.
 - “How can we make church easier for you?”
 - Talk to their caregiver – ask about the disability and needs
- Children
 - Find out the specific disability – research it
 - Ask the parent how to best care for and “reach” her child.
 - “What do you want us to know about your child?”
 - Ascertain likes/dislikes
 - Ask about hobbies/sports/music

Disabilities??

- Elderly
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Depression
- Grief
- Family Crisis
 - May be temporary but have lifelong effects.
 - Examples...

Making Space “User Friendly”

- Consider Your Facility...
 - Entry
 - Ramps or elevator options
 - Bathroom
 - Enough room?
 - Bars?
 - Worship Space
 - Room for wheelchair/walkers, etc
 - Classroom space

Materials for Special Needs

- Worship Considerations
 - Placement
 - Music
 - Eucharist/Communion

Materials...

- Education for Special Needs
 - Inclusion
 - Creativity is key

Materials

- Support Groups
 - Individuals
 - Caregivers
 - Church Workers

Prayer

- “Doing Prayer”
- LISTEN and Be Blessed!

Resources

- Joni & Friends
 - Christian Ministry to the disabled
- National Institutes of Health
- Disease Specific Organizations
- Web MD
- Chosenfamilies.org
 - Created by a mom with a disabled child – great support for families with ADHA, Autism, Bipolar, Depression issues.
 - The list is endless! Surf the Web and enjoy!

Remember...

- “Meeting their needs is an added challenge as well as a gift.”
- “As we gain insight into different needs, we also understand how each of us is a special creation in the image of God.”
 - MaryFran Crist (paraphrase)

Thank You!

“I have come that they may have life and that they
may have it more abundantly!”

John 10:10b



AVAILABLE NATIONAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

Agency	Description
<p>Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) 3417 Volta Place, NW Washington, DC 20007-2778 Phone: 202-337-5220 E-mail: info@agbell.org Website: www.agbell.org</p>	<p>Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's (AG Bell) helps families, health care providers and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention. Through advocacy, education, research and financial aid, AG Bell helps to ensure that every child and adult with hearing loss has the opportunity to listen, talk and thrive in mainstream society.</p>
<p>America Disabled For Attendant Program Today (ADAPT) 201 S Cherokee Denver, CO 80223 Phone: 303-733-9324 E-mail: adapt@adapt.org Website: www.adapt.org</p>	<p>ADAPT is a national grass-roots community that focuses on promoting services in the community instead of warehousing people with disabilities in institutions and nursing homes. The group organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.</p>
<p>American Association for People with Disabilities (AAPD) 1629 K Street NW, Suite 950 Washington, DC 20006 Phone: 800-840-8844 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.aapd-dc.org</p>	<p>The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) organizes the disability community to be a powerful force for change (politically, socially, and economically) and recognizes the value of working in broad coalitions to foster unity, leadership, and impact.</p>
<p>American Cancer Society Phone: 1 800-227-2345 TTY: 1-866-228-4327 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.cancer.org</p>	<p>The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the ACS has more than 3,400 local offices. On this extensive website you can learn about cancer treatment and improvements, find supportive care, explore research and new therapies, read <i>In the News</i> on cancer, get involved, and easily find help and resources for your own area.</p>
<p>American Diabetes Association 1701 North Beauregard Street Alexandria, VA 22311 Phone: 800-342-2383 E-mail: aksada@diabetes.org Website: www.diabetes.org</p>	<p>The American Diabetes Association leads the field in providing diabetes research, information and advocacy.</p>

<p>American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) 1101 King Street, Suite 380 Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703-535-7850 E-mail: ancor@ancor.org Website: www.ancor.org</p>	<p>Since 1970, American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) has been the pre-eminent voice in Washington on behalf of private agencies that provide services and support to people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.</p>
<p>American Parkinson's Disease Association (APDA) 135 Parkinson Ave. Staten Island, NY 10305-1946 Phone: 718-981-8001 E-mail: apda@apdaparkinson.org Website: www.apdaparkinson.org</p>	<p>The mission of The American Parkinson Disease Association, is to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for the disease through research, patient and family support, education and raising public awareness.</p>
<p>American Society for Deaf Children 800 Florida Avenue NE, # 2047 Washington, DC 20002-3695 Phone: 800-942-2732 E-mail: asdc@deafchildren.org Website: www.deafchildren.org</p>	<p>The mission of The American Society for Deaf Children is to support and educate families of deaf and hard of hearing children and advocates for high quality programs and services.</p>
<p>Assisted Living Federation of America's (ALFA) 1650 King Street, Suite 602 Alexandria, VA 22314-2747 Phone: 703-894-1805 E-mail: info@alfa.org Website: www.alfa.org</p>	<p>The mission of Assisted Living Federation of America's (ALFA) is to promote the interest of the Assisted Living industry and enhance the quality of life for the population it serves.</p>
<p>Association of Birth Defect Children 800 Celebration Ave, Suite 225 Celebration, FL 34747 Phone: 407-566-8304 E-mail: staff@birthdefects.org Website: www.birthdefects.org</p>	<p>The Association of Birth Defect Children (ABDC) provides parents and professionals with information about birth defects and services for children with disabilities. ABDC sponsors the National Birth Defect Registry and parent matching service. ABDC also studies links between drugs, radiation, alcohol, chemicals, lead, mercury, dioxin and birth defects.</p>
<p>Association of Late-Deafened Adults' (ALDA) 8038 Macintosh Lane, Suite 2 Rockford, IL 61107-5336 Phone: 815-332-1515 E-mail: president@alda.org Website: www.alda.org</p>	<p>Association of Late-Deafened Adults' (ALDA) membership is international in scope. ALDA works collaboratively with other organizations around the world serving the needs of late-deafened people and extends a welcome to everyone, late deafened or not, who supports our goals.</p>

<p>Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) PO Box 7557 Wilmington, DE 19803-9997 Phone: 800-939-1019 E-mail: info@add.org Website: www.add.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) is to help people with ADD lead happier, more successful lives through education, research, and public advocacy.</p>
<p>Autism Society of America 4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 Phone: 800-328-8476 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.autism-society.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Autism Society of America is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families. The Society's main goal is to have members fully included and participating within their communities through advocacy, public awareness, education, and research.</p>
<p>Better Hearing Institute 1444 I Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-449-1100 E-mail: mail@betterhearing.org Website: www.betterhearing.org</p>	<p>The Better Hearing Institute (BHI) educates the public about the neglected problem of hearing loss and what can be done about it.</p>
<p>CHASK (Christian Homes and Special Kids) P.O. Box 310 Moyie Springs, ID 83845 Phone: 208-267-6246 Birth Parents: 1-800-266-9837 E-mail: chaskinfo@aol.com Website: www.chask.org</p>	<p><i>Adopting Special Needs Babies</i> – CHASK helps families with an adverse prenatal diagnosis hear about life choices. While "80% of unborn babies with medical concerns are aborted," loving homes are waiting to adopt these special babies if the birth moms and dads are not able to parent. "Thousands of Christian families believe that life is precious," and wait to put their faith in action with an open home and heart for one of God's special little ones. CHASK also provides family to family support helping families raise their child with special needs.</p>
<p>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder's 8181 Professional Place, Suite 150 Landover, MD 20785 Phone: 800-233-4050 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.chadd.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder's (CHADD) is to improve the lives of people with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) through education, advocacy and support.</p>
<p>Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association (CFIDS) P.O. Box 220398 Charlotte, NC 28222-0398 Phone: 704-365-2343 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.cfids.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association (CFIDS) is to be widely understood, diagnosable, curable and preventable. The association's strategy is to stimulate research aimed at the early detection, objective diagnosis and effective treatment of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome through expanded public, private and commercial investment.</p>

<p>Cystic Fibrosis 6391 Arlington Road, 2nd Floor Bethesda, MD 20814 Phone: 800-344-4823 E-mail: info@cff.org Website: www.cff.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease.</p>
<p>Easter Seals 233 South Wacker Drive Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60606 Phone: 800-221-6827 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.easter-seals.org</p>	<p>Easter Seals vision is to create a better life for children and youth with physical disabilities. Programs and services are offered to help children and youth achieve a greater level of acceptance and independence. Services include: financial assistance for mobility equipment and communication devices; fully accessible camp and funding for other summer recreational programs; plus providing access to information, resources, public education and awareness</p>
<p>Epilepsy Foundation 8301 Professional Place Landover, MD 20785-7223 Phone: 800-332-1000 E-mail: info@efa.org Website: www.epilepsyfoundation.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation is to work for children and adults affected by seizures through research, education, advocacy and service.</p>
<p>Family Caregiver Alliance 180 Montgomery St., Ste 1100 San Francisco, CA 94101 Phone: 415-434-3388 E-mail: info@caregiver.org Website: www.caregiver.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Family Caregiver Alliance is to address the needs of families and friends providing long term care by services, advocating for public and private support, conducting research and educating the public.</p>
<p>Fibromyalgia Alliance of America (FMAA) PO Box 21988 Columbus, OH 43221-0990 Phone: 614-457-4222 E-mail: fmsinfo@aol.com Website: www.php.com</p>	<p>The Fibromyalgia Alliance of America maintains a large library of reference material and serves as a national clearing house for fibromyalgia information. It also sponsors, supports, and maintains lists of support groups throughout the U.S. and Canada.</p>
<p>Goodwill Industries 15810 Indianola Drive Rockville, MD 20855 Phone: 301-530-6500 E-mail: goodwill@goodwill.org Website: www.goodwill.org</p>	<p>Goodwill Industries is an international network of community-based, autonomous member organizations that serve people with workplace disadvantages and disabilities by providing job training and employment services, as well as job placement opportunities and post-employment support.</p>
<p>Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) 158 West 29th Street, 7th Floor New York, N.Y. 10001-5300 Phone: 800-345-4372 E-mail: hdsainfo@ddsa.org Website: www.hdsa.org</p>	<p>The Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) is dedicated to finding a cure for Huntington's Disease (HD) while providing support and services for those living with HD and their families. HDSA promotes and supports both clinical and basic HD research, aids families in coping with the multi-faceted problems presented by HD and educates the families, the public and health care professionals about Huntington's Disease.</p>

<p>Inter-American Conductive Education Association (IACEA) PO Box 4048 Roselle Park, NJ 07204 Phone: 800-824-ACEA E-mail: iacea@worldnet.alt.net Website: www.iacea.org</p>	<p>The goal of Inter-American Conductive Education Association (IACEA) is to promote and disseminate the principles of Conductive Education, in the United States and Canada, using the services of parents, conductors, therapists, teachers, and other related health professionals.</p>
<p>International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) 342 North Main Street West Hartford, CT 06117-2507 Phone: 860-586-7547 E-mail: pberry@ilae.org Website: www.ilae.org</p>	<p>The goal of the International League Against Epilepsy is to advance and disseminate knowledge about epilepsy; promote research, education and training; and to improve services and care for patients, especially by prevention, diagnosis and treatment.</p>
<p>International OCD [Obsessive Compulsive Disorder] Foundation, INC P.O. Box 961029 Boston, MA 02196 Phone: 617-973-5801 E-mail: info@ocfoundation.org Website: www.ocfoundation.org</p>	<p>The mission and goals of the International OCD Foundation, Inc. is to educate awareness and improve quality of treatment; support research; improve access to resources; in addition to advocating and lobbying for the OCD community.</p>
<p>Lighthouse International 111 East 5th Street New York, NY 10022-1202 Phone: 800-829-0500 E-mail: info@lighthouse.org Website: www.lighthouse.org</p>	<p>Lighthouse International's mission is to enable people of all ages to overcome vision impairment through worldwide leadership in vision rehabilitation services, education, research and advocacy.</p>
<p>Lupus Foundation of America 2000 L Street, N.W. Suite 710 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-349-1155 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.lupus.org</p>	<p>The Lupus Foundation of America is a non-profit voluntary health organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of lupus. They support individuals and families affected by the disease by increasing awareness of lupus among health professionals, the public, and finding a cure.</p>
<p>Marcus Institute 1920 Briarcliff Road Atlanta, GA 30329-4010 Phone: 404-727-9450 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.marcus.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Marcus Autism Center is to provide information, services and programs to children with autism and related disorders, their families and those who live and work with them. Integrated advanced clinical, behavioral, educational and family support services are all provided through a single organization.</p>
<p>Multiple Sclerosis Foundation 6350 North Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Phone: 954-776-6805 E-mail: support@msfocus.org Website: www.msfacts.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is to ensure the best quality of life for those coping with MS by providing comprehensive support and educational programs.</p>

<p>National Association For The Dually Diagnosed (NADD) 132 Fair Street Kingston, NY 12401 Phone: 800-331-5362 E-mail: thenadd@aol.com Website: www.thenadd.org</p>	<p>The mission of NADD is to advance mental wellness for persons with developmental disabilities through the promotion of excellence in mental health care. The membership association established for professionals, care providers and families help promote an understanding of and services for individuals who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs.</p>
<p>National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. 2600 Network Blvd., Suite 300 Frisco, Texas 75034 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.nationalbreastcancer.org</p>	<p>NBCF fosters hope and spreads knowledge, and inspires courage to win the monumental battle against breast cancer. They provide free mammograms for women who could otherwise not afford them and support research programs in leading facilities across the country.</p>
<p>National Council on Disability 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850 Washington, DC 20004 Phone: 202-272-2004 E-mail: ncd@ncd.gov Website: www.ncd.gov</p>	<p>The National Council on Disability is an independent agency actively engaged in providing coordination and collaboration among federal, state and local governments to ensure long-term fiscal stability for people with disabilities. The Council's main goal is to make a difference in advancing disability policy objectives so meaningful opportunities are available and help contribute to an individual's well-being.</p>
<p>National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association 730 North Franklin Street; Suite 501 Chicago, Illinois 60610-7204 Phone: 800-826-3632 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.ndmda.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association is to educate patients, families, professionals, and the public concerning the nature of depressive and manic-depressive illnesses as treatable medical diseases; to foster self-help for patients and families; to eliminate discrimination and stigma; to improve access to care; and to advocate for research toward the elimination of these illnesses.</p>
<p>National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) 10605 Concord Street; Suite 501 Kensington, MD 20895-3104 Phone: 800-896-3650 E-mail: info@nfcacres.org Website: www.nfcacares.org</p>	<p>The National Family Caregivers Association educates, supports, empowers and speaks up for the more than 65 million Americans who care for loved ones with a chronic illness or disability or the frailties of old age. NFCA reaches across the boundaries of diagnoses, relationships and life stages to help transform family caregivers' lives by removing barriers to health and well being.</p>
<p>National Headache Foundation 820 N. Orleans, Suite 217 Chicago, Illinois 60610428 W. St. Phone: 888-643-5552 E-mail: info@headaches.org Website: www.headaches.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Headache Foundation is to enhance the healthcare of headache sufferers. The Foundation provides information on educational and informational resources; supports headache research; and advocates an understanding that headaches are a legitimate neurobiological disease.</p>

<p>National Health Information Center PO Box 1133 Washington, DC 20013-1133 Phone: 800-336-4797 E-mail: nhicinfo@health.org Website: www.health.gov/nhic/</p>	<p>The National Health Information Center (NHIC) is a health information referral service. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have health questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers</p>
<p>National Heart Lung and Blood Institute P.O. Box 30105 Bethesda, MD 20824-0105 Phone: 301-592-8573 E-mail: nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov Website: www.nhlbi.nih.gov</p>	<p>The mission of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute is to provide global leadership for research, training, and education programs to promote the prevention and treatment of heart, lung, and blood diseases; and enhance the health of all individuals so that they can live longer and more fulfilling lives.</p>
<p>National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Center Three Information Way Bethesda, MD 20892 Phone: 301-654-3327 E-mail: nkudic@info.niddk.nih.gov Website: www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov</p>	<p>The mission of the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse (NKUDIC) is to provide an information dissemination service for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).</p>
<p>National Lead Information Center and Clearinghouse 8601 Georgia Avenue; Suite 503 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: 800-424-5323 E-mail: hotline.lead@epa.gov Website: www.epa.gov/lead</p>	<p>The National Lead Information Center and Clearinghouse is a federally funded hotline and clearinghouse that provides information on lead hazard reduction and exposure prevention.</p>
<p>National Mental Health Agency (NMHA) 1021 Prince Street Alexandria, VA 22314-2971 Phone: 800-969-NMHA E-mail: Available on website Website: www.nmha.org</p>	<p>National Mental Health Agency (NMHA) is dedicated to improving the mental health of all individuals and achieving victory over mental illness. The agency's focus is Advocating for changes in policy; Educating the public & providing critical information; and delivering urgently needed Programs and Services.</p>
<p>National Multiple Sclerosis Society 733 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017 Phone: 800-344-4867 E-mail: info@nmss.org Website: www.nmss.org</p>	<p>The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. The Society helps people affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with MS and their families move their lives forward.</p>

<p>National Organization on Disability (NOD) 1625 K Street NW, Suite 802 Washington, DC 20006 Phone: 202-293-5960 E-mail: ability@nod.org Website: www.nod.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Organization of Disability (NOD) is to expand the participation and contribution of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities in all aspects of life. The organization also works to raise disability awareness and offers information and referrals.</p>
<p>National Osteoporosis Foundation 1232 22nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20037-1292 Phone: 202-223-2226 E-mail: communications@nof.org Website: www.nof.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Osteoporosis Foundation is to promote lifelong bone health in order to reduce the widespread prevalence of osteoporosis and associated fractures, while working to find a cure for the disease through programs of research, education and advocacy.</p>
<p>National Parkinson Foundation Bob Hope Parkinson Research Center 1501 N.W. 9th Ave Miami, FL 33136-1494 Phone: 305-547-6666 E-mail: mailbox@parkinson.org Website: www.parkinson.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Parkinson Foundation is to improve the quality of care for people with Parkinson's disease through research, education and outreach.</p>
<p>National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) 8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Landover, MD 20785 Phone: 800-346-2742 E-mail: naricinfo@krs.com Website: www.naric.com</p>	<p>The mission of the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) is to collect and disseminate the results of research funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Toward this end, NIDRR conducts comprehensive and coordinated programs of research and related activities to maximize the full inclusion, social integration, employment and independent living of individuals of all ages with disabilities.</p>
<p>National Sleep Foundation 1522 K Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-347-3471 E-mail: nsf@sleepfoundation.org Website: www.sleepfoundation.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Sleep Foundation (NSF) is to promote good sleep health for all Americans. NSF works in partnership with leaders in the fields of sleep science and medicine to raise awareness of the importance of sleep, treatment for sleep problems and the consequences of sleep loss.</p>
<p>National Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance 801 Roeder Road, Suite 750 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: 800-225-6872 E-mail: info@tsalliance.org Website: www.tsalliance.org</p>	<p>The mission of the National Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance is finding a cure for tuberous sclerosis complex while improving the lives of those affected. Goals of the Alliance goals are to provide fellowship; generate awareness; pursue more knowledge; and provide hope to those that shared the common bond of tuberous sclerosis complex.</p>

<p>Neurofibromatosis, Inc. P.O. Box 66884 Chicago, IL 60666 Phone: 630-627-1115 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.nfinc.org</p>	<p>The mission of Neurofibromatosis, Inc. (NF) is to create a network of support for those affected by NF, through education, advocacy, and coalitions, and by supporting research for treatments and a cure.</p>
<p>NISH [National Industries for the Severely Handicapped] 2235 Cedar Lane Vienna, VA 22182-5200 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.nish.org</p>	<p>The mission of NISH is to create employment opportunities for people with significant disabilities. In NISH's effort to expand job opportunities within the community, they strive to maintain excellence, innovation, accountability, diversity, collaboration and integrity.</p>
<p>Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation P.O. Box 824061 Philadelphia, PA 19182-4061 Phone: 301-947-0083 E-mail: boneline@oif.org Website: www.oif.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is to provide research, education awareness and mutual support so individuals with the genetic disorder can improve their daily quality of life.</p>
<p>Scleroderma Foundation 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923 Phone: 978-463-5843 Fax: 978-463-5809 Toll-free: 800-722-HOPE (4673) Website: www.scleroderma.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Scleroderma Foundation is to help support the people living with scleroderma, by offering peer counseling, mutual support programs, and physician referrals.</p>
<p>Spina Bifida Association of America 4590 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Suite 250 Washington, DC 20007-4226 Phone: 800-621-3141 E-mail: sbaa@sbaa.org Website: www.sbaa.org</p>	<p>The mission of the Spina Bifida Association of America (SBA) is to promote the prevention of Spina Bifida and enhance the lives of all affected. The association uses tools of education, advocacy, research and service to carry out their mission and enhance the lives of those affected with the disease.</p>
<p>Stuttering Foundation of America P.O. Box 11749 Memphis, TN 38111-0749 Phone: 800-992-9392 E-mail: info@stutteringhelp.org Website: www.stuttersfa.org</p>	<p>The goal of the Stuttering Foundation of America is to provide the best and most up-to-date information and help available for the prevention of stuttering in young children and the most effective treatment available for teenagers and adults.</p>

<p>TASH [The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps] 1025 Vermont Ave., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-540-9020 E-mail: info@tash.org Website: www.tash.org</p>	<p>TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professional caregivers fighting for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm.</p>
<p>The ALS Association 1275 K Street NW; Suite 1050 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 800-782-4747 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.alsa.org</p>	<p>The ALS Association's mission is to lead the fight to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy. By increasing the number of scientists, and promoting public awareness, new treatments are being discovered and support is being raised for ALS.</p>
<p>The Arc of the United States 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: 301-565-3842 E-mail: info@thearc.org Website: www.thearc.org</p>	<p>The Arc is the national organization of and for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families. Arc's mission is to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.</p>
<p>The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities 1660 L Street NW, Ste 700 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-783-2229 E-mail: info@c-c-d.org Website: www.c-c-d.org</p>	<p>The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.</p>
<p>The March of Dimes 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue White Plains, NY 10605 Phone: 888-663-4637 E-mail: Available on website Website: www.modimes.org</p>	<p>The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects premature births and infant mortality. This mission is supported through four programs (1) Community Services; (2) Advocacy; (3) Education; and (4) Research.</p>
<p>The National Fragile X Foundation Phone: 800-688-8765 Fax: 925-938-9315 Email: Available on website Website: www.nfxf.org</p>	<p><i>Support-Awareness-Education-Research-Advocacy</i> Main headings include <i>For the Newly Diagnosed, For the Media, Announcements, and Events</i>. Information is provided for various stages and ages of Medical and Educational planning, including <i>Adults and Life Planning</i> with resource links and information in Spanish.</p>
<p>The Perspective Network PO Box 1859 Cumming, GA 30028-1859 Phone: 770-844-6898 E-Mail: tbn@tri.org Website: www.tbi.org</p>	<p>The mission of The Perspective Network is to promote positive communication between professional caregivers and people with brain injury, their family members, and friends. The organization focuses on creating proactive changes to enhance public awareness and knowledge of acquired/traumatic brain injury.</p>

<p>The Tourette Syndrome Association 42-40 Bell Boulevard Bayside, NY 11361 Phone: 800-237-0717 E-mail: tourette@ix.netcom.com Website: www.tsa-usa.org</p>	<p>The mission of The Tourette Syndrome Association is to identify the cause of, find the cure for and control the effects of Tourette Syndrome. Resources and referrals are offered to help people and their families cope with the problems that occur with the disorder.</p>
<p>Vestibular Disorders Association PO Box 13305 Portland, OR 97213 Phone: 800-837-8428 E-mail: veda@vestibular.org Website: www.vestibular.org</p>	<p>The Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA) offers help to people with vestibular (inner ear balance) disorders.</p>
<p>World Institute on Disability (WID) 510 16th Street; Suite 100 Oakland, CA 94612-1500 Phone: 510-763-4100 E-mail: wid@wid.org Website: www.wid.org</p>	<p>World Institute on Disability (WID) is a public policy, research, and training center dedicated to independence for all people with disabilities. Their mission is to eliminate barriers to full social integration and increase employment, economic security and health care for persons with disabilities.</p>
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