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Summer Camp For All Abilities

Everett, WA

The summer sports camp, Camp ACCESS, knows how important it is for ALL children to have fun.



With 50 volunteers making sure each of the 25 children is having a great time, this summer camp has achieved much – in terms of social awareness. Its other mission is to provide a safe venue for children with disabilities to transcend their limitations and boundaries as well as gain confidence. Read More >

ADA Bus Tour Visits Iowa

Des Moines, IA

Completing a year-long bus tour, members of the “Americans with Disabilities Act Watch” stopped by Iowa to promote the rights of all individuals with disabilities.



The Road to Freedom Tour began its mission in Washington, DC last November. After 14,000 miles and 32 states, the tour will soon finish its journey. Upon completion, members are hoping that legislators will finally pass the controversial ADA Restoration Act, giving people with disabilities more hope. Read More >

Wheelchair Selection Guide

Selecting the right wheelchair can be a daunting task. There are many options and models available to users including manual and powered chairs. No matter which type you decide there has to be some effort on the user to operate the chair. Joysticks on power chairs make ease of use more simple. Read More >



Featured Products: SCREEN ENLARGER

Maximize your viewing pleasure with this TV Screen Enlarger for 26-29 inch Flat Screens. It is specially designed to enlarge your flat screen to 36 inches, allowing you to enjoy your favorite shows better. Distributed by MaxiAids, this screen enlarger is easy to install and comes with fantastic features like adjustable magnification and height, a “do not disturb” control function and UV ray filter. This product can easily transform your ordinary living room to a superb home entertainment center. For more information click here >



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SLIDING SWIVEL SEAT TRANSFER BENCH

Moving the user safely, the Sliding Swivel Seat Transfer Bench is a must for anyone with limited mobility. It allows a 90-degree turn, making it simple to get in and also out of the tub. Easily adjustable, this bench can be made to suit any height preference. It can support as much as 400 lbs and does not require any tools during assembly. The “non-handed” design provides flexibility allowing the user to place the lock/release switch at the back or in front. For more information click here >





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ABLE ENVIRONMENTS

ABLE Environments is the Northwest source for special needs real estate and design. Located in Seattle, Washington, ABLE Environments was founded by Tom Minty and Rick Spellman to address the serious need for real estate expertise in housing for special needs or aging-in-place, and to promote Universal Design in the mainstream residential construction industry. Tom Minty is the President of ABLE Environments and a successful Realtor® and certified Senior Real Estate Specialist® with John L. Scott Real Estate.

The concept of fulfilling the need for housing and resources for special needs came from a conversation that Tom had with a very dear friend who had become progressively less mobile from Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

The more ABLE Environments researched and interviewed people, the more they realized that there was a tremendous need being unfulfilled in the Real Estate industry. Working with local designers, builders, remodelers, and various services industries their objective became education and encouragement for the use of Universal Design whenever they could. Tom Minty is an active member of the Northwest Coalition for Universal Design, a joint effort of government and private industry to provide intelligent design in the residential housing market.

ABLE Environments is enthusiastic about the changes that will inevitably take place in the private residential industry. They would love to meet and talk with you about your own specific needs or questions.

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Home Access Program News

Have you done something great that relates to home accessibility? Do you know someone who has used the Home Access Program? Send us your stories mktg@handiramp.com

ADAPT Chicago Invites You!

A forum sponsored by ADAPT Chicago will be held on September 9, 2007, from 10 am to 4 pm, at The Crowne Plaza Hotel. The focus of the forum will be on the "National Advocacy Commitment for Systems Change in Housing", particularly on the rights of the people with disabilities to have affordable, accessible and integrated homes.

HUD Fair Housing Secretary Kim Kendrick will be the guest speaker and attendees can also expect a live discussion on topics including the National Visitability Legislation, The Inclusive Home Design Act and the Access to Integration Campaign. Now is your chance to be heard! For more information, please click here >

Racing for a Worthy Cause

On September 9, 2007, everyone is invited to the Arlington Park Racecourse for a day of fun and excitement. Better still, it is all for a good cause.



Sponsored by the non-profit organization, Handi-Ramp Foundation, the activity will begin at noon and promptly end at 5pm. It will feature a buffet, open bar, daily racing guide and even a silent auction. Attendees can go on the Paddock Tour for an additional fee. Unfortunately, reservations are required due to limited space. If you are interested, please be sure to RSVP no later than August 24, 2007. For more details click here >

Growing the Home Access Program

The Home Access Program is growing, but we need your help! Tell your friends and business associates about the Program. Send us an e-mail and we'll contact them on your behalf. Our goal is by the end of 2007, to have 1 realtor and 1 consultant in each major metropolitan area.

Fun Facts

- ~ Womens' hearts beat faster than mens'.
- ~ Each day, more than \$40 Trillion Dollars changes hands worldwide.
- ~ According to U.S. laws, a beer commercial can never show a person actually drinking beer.

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