



Home Access Chronicle

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Group aims to better the quality of life in impoverished countries

Wheeling, WV

Mountain bike tires attached to a plastic lawn chair are creating new life, and acting as wheelchairs for some residents in impoverished countries. The Vineyard Church in Wheeling, WV has inspired the 900 members of its congregation to donate more than \$115,000 to the Free Wheelchair Mission, an organization that builds low-cost wheelchairs and ships them to foreign countries at a cost of less than \$50 each. [Read More >](#)



REHAB school students subtle motions create music to our ears

Poughkeepsie, NY

A newly developed computer technology and music therapy is allowing three students from the REHAB school in Poughkeepsie, NY the rare opportunity to create music with the use of adaptive musical instruments for people with severe physical disabilities. [Read More >](#)



Madison Square Garden ordered to become accessible to disabled

Greenville, NC

The MSG underwent complete renovation in 1991 altering many parts of the stadium including the main arena. Operators of the stadium failed to comply with the ADA regulations. The US Government filed a lawsuit against the Garden, requiring the stadium to become completely accessible by October 2008. [Read More >](#)



Featured Products: FEATHERWEIGHT REACHERS

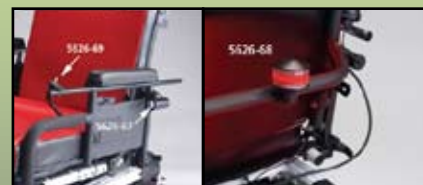
Featherweight reachers are made of lightweight, durable aluminum. The reacher has a distinctive hook trigger that provides convenient function and allows the reacher to hang right on your walker or wheelchair. Slip resistant jaws open 3 inches and have a magnetic tip for picking up small metal objects such as paper clips and other hard to reach objects. For more information [click here >](#)



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SIDEKICK SAFETY LIGHT


The SideKick Safety Light acts as a headlight for your wheelchair. The solidstate LED technology never burns out and can be seen for over a mile away. Now you can travel in your chair at night and not have to worry if the people can see you or not. Channel switches allow connection to your wheelchair in seconds. The portable Ni-Cd battery pack and charger can be used for manual wheelchairs as well. For more information [click here >](#)





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Safe and Sound Home Modifications

Safe & Sound Home Modifications' goal is to create safe homes for seniors and those with mobility challenges by identifying then adapting or removing hazardous conditions and barriers. The company also keeps homes functionally-sound by repairing and maintaining the property. One call is all that is needed for reliable, expert service – no matter the size of the project.

Rick Fischer, CSA, CAPS has always had a passion for helping seniors including his late grandmother and now his own mother. Even before starting Safe & Sound Home Modifications, Fischer adapted the home allowing his grandmother stay there for as long as possible.

His mother, Mrs. Fischer has a home that continues to evolve with more and more safety features. This technique is easy on the budget and does not overwhelm her. Fischer is dedicated to taking care of each of his clients like he takes care of his own family – safe, sound and reliable.

Fischer is a Certified Senior Advisor. Professionals who are a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)® agree to follow the CSA Code of Professional Responsibility based on the standards of competence, honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, and professionalism.

Fischer is also a Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS). This designation is provided by the National Home Builders Association and supported by the AARP. Fischer is well educated in all phases of identifying, building and remodeling for aging adults and people with disabilities. He is experienced in the strategies and techniques for designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments. The CAPS designation goes beyond design to address the codes and standards, common remodeling expenditures and projects, product ideas, and resources needed to provide comprehensive and practical aging-in-place solutions.

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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

November Events

Disability Culture and the Arts (Teleconference)
Tuesday, November 20, 2007
3:00 pm est - 4:30 pm est
Location: Teleconference



Presented by Disability Funders Network and Sponsored by The HSC Foundation, the call will focus on disability culture and the arts

The Era of Global Aging Expo: Challenges and Opportunities
November 16-20, 2007
Hilton San Francisco and Towers
San Francisco, CA

We are living longer than ever before in our World. This expo will initiate discussion of worldwide issues we have been faced with such as disease, extended longevity, expensive long-term-care and many other pressing topics.



World Congress & Expo On Disabilities
November 15-17, 2007
Washington Convention Center
Washington, DC



The WCD Expo features 150 exhibitors displaying the latest products and services that are improving the lives of those with disabilities. WCD educational seminars, special events, pavilions, fairs and giveaways all happening on the expo floor

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

~The United States has more airports than any other nation (there are over 14,800).

~ Orangutans warn people to stay out of their territory by belching.

~ Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

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