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Coalition of Texans with Disabilities 21st Annual Delegate Assembly December 4-5, 1999

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December 4th, 1999

CTD members and Friends:

Welcome to the 21st CTD Annual Delegates' Assembly -- as we prepare ourselves to venture into the 21st century! Thanks to dedicated, committed and passionate members like yourselves over all these years, we are the most experienced coalition of consumer directed organizations in the entire nation.

CTD embodies 40 member organizations, controlled by people with disabilities, and over 1000 individual members and PAS Task Force participants. Your very presence here this weekend is a celebration of many hard won accomplishments and victories, a resounding testament that CTD is still alive and kicking! But, more importantly, this gathering is the annual opportunity to rediscover, redefine, and refocus on the hopes, dreams, and plans we have for a better life for people with disabilities.

Through your resolutions, your election of new leaders, your learning and networking, and your caring and thoughtful participation at this conference we will be able to enter the 21st century stronger, smarter, more united, more committed, and fully prepared and confident in our ability to work together to realize our shared goals.

As Acting President, I applaud you for your conscientious involvement and dedication to CTD. Get energized and enthused, enjoy yourselves, learn all you possibly can, recommit yourselves to needed actions, and believe in the ideal vision – even in what some may think impossible – for together we can make anything happen!

Wishing All of You the Peace of the Season and a Joyous New Year!!

Dolores Salazar Acting President

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ADVOCACY IN ACTION - 1999

Community Integration is a Civil Right – The CTD Executive Director and members met with Governor Bush and Attorney General John Cornyn to advocate that Texas withdraw from the amicus brief petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the lower court findings in *Olmstead*. Despite relentless advocacy including press events, protests and arrests Texas did not withdraw and instead issued a statement that it is the state's right to determine the treatment of its individuals with disabilities. In June, however, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled for people with disabilities. It upheld that qualified individuals with disabilities have the right to receive services and supports in the most integrated setting appropriate to that individual. Now CTD is working with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop a Texas plan to get people out of institutions.

Texas Architectural Barriers/Round 5 – SB959 is the 1999 legislative piece in the continuing campaign by CTD to address internal and external barriers to full enforcement of the Texas Architectural Barriers Act by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The bill puts into statute that TDLR will not knowingly waive or modify standards in violation of the ADA; establishes reasonable timeframes for architects, engineers and interior designers to submit their plans to TDLR; and, speeds up the plan review and approval process.

Places of Worship Must be Accessible – In 1997, H.B. 1612 amended the Texas Architectural Barriers Act to say that places of worship must be accessible. However, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, bowing to pressure from political powers, continued to exempt places of worship from accessibility standards. CTD went to court to ask that TDLR do its job and enforce the statute so that people with disabilities have access to practice their faith. In October 1999 CTD won our case in the 3rd Court of Appeals. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation now has to ensure that all parts of religious facilities are accessible, except those areas where religious ritual is performed, such as an alter. The law applies only to new or modified buildings.

Youth and Leadership – The second annual Kenny Murgia Scholarship was awarded in May to high school senior Rachel Leann Hunter of West Lake High School in Austin. The scholarship is awarded to a student up to age 22 and classified as a senior who enters a 250-word essay competition on the topic of how their leadership is improving the lives of people with disabilities. The \$500 award was presented at the CTD Youth and Leadership Banquet, the proceeds of which are going toward advocacy for school-age children. Our visions in this area are to increase the award to \$1,000 and to establish a leadership camp for young adults with disabilities.

Vouchers for Specialized Telecommunications Equipment and Services – CTD received calls in late 1998 from individuals who were stroke survivors, blind or quadriplegic who were alarmed that their independence would be lost without specialized telecommunications equipment or services. We researched the possibility of expanding the specialized telecommunications equipment voucher program for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired to be inclusive of all people with disabilities. Now any individual with a disability who needs specialized equipment or services for basic telephone use can access the voucher program administered by Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Vouchers for PAS Plus - A decade of advocacy for voucher options in PAS culminated this year with the passage by this 76th Texas Legislature of SB 1586. This bill requires establishing a voucher payment option in all Medicaid and state-funded personal assistance services, durable medical equipment, supported employment, respite, and assistive technology programs. The pilot that led to this legislation demonstrated to the legislature that they could provide individuals with increased choice and control allowing them to schedule services to fit their needs and increase wages and benefits for the personal assistants without increasing costs to the state budget.

A Single Long-Term Services and Supports Agency - Working with the ad-hoc group Equity and Independence in Long-Term Services and Supports, advocates were successful in passage of SB 374 which creates the framework to bring together most of the state's long-term care services and supports under a single long-term services agency. Only MHMR was not included in the consolidation this go around.

Separate Agencies - In SB 1400, 1401 and 1402 which implement the Sunset Commission recommendations for reauthorization of the Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Rehabilitation Commission CTD successfully advocated our delegate positions to keep these agencies separate.

ORGANIZING THE GRASSROOTS

Beginning in late 1998 CTD put together a legislative training on how a bill becomes a law, how the decisions made by the Legislature ultimately affect services Texans with disabilities receive and how to effectively advocate for people with disabilities with legislators. We then hit the road to train PAS advocacy teams in eight towns – Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, Houston, Angleton, Beaumont, Pharr and Austin. These teams conducted local legislative visits on funding for PAS. Then leadership from these teams came together in Austin to meet with their legislators to advocate for the passage of S.B. 1586 and SB 374, the PAS voucher and single long-term services agency bills. During their time in Austin, these team leaders also helped develop the PAS Task Force Strategic Plan for 1999-2001.

Over the summer, with assistance of the PAS Task Force participants, we developed a speaker's bureau training and new PAS Task Force brochure for members of local teams to carry out a public awareness initiative. They will give eight presentations to civic groups in their towns on personal assistance services and community integration. The teams also will conduct a PAS needs survey at each presentation and leave the audience with the new PAS brochure and a local phone contact.

In September, team leaders received training from a national community organizer on building leadership through one-on-one dialogue. These team leaders committed to this methodolgy and agreed to build their local teams to a minimum of 15 team members through this process. Call Community Organizer Lee Redmond at 800-998-3363 or leaders community organizer Lee Redmond at 800-998-3363 or leaders community organizer to this methodolgy and agreed to build their local teams to a minimum of 15 team members through this process. Call Community Organizer Lee Redmond at 800-998-3363 or leaders committed to this methodolgy and agreed to build their local teams to a minimum of 15 team members through this process. Call Community Organizer Lee Redmond at 800-998-3363 or leaders committed to this methodolgy and agreed to build their local teams to a minimum of 15 team members through this process. Call community Organizer Lee Redmond at 800-998-3363 or leaderstream are ready to join the advocacy force.

1994 - 1999 STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a coalition of individuals and organizations controlled by Texans with disabilities representing cross-disability needs and working together to eliminate all barriers to equal and full participation in life.

Strategic Plan Visions

- VISION 1 Strong effective leaders provide direction and support at state and local levels.
- VISION 2 CTD has stable and diversified funding sources sufficient to implement the memberships Strategic Plan.
- VISION 3 CTD's members communicate and share needs, goals, and human resources.
- VISION 4 CTD is recognized as the most influential advocacy force for Texans with disabilities.
- VISION 5 All progressive groups controlled by people with disabilities are members.

Cross-Disability Priority Issues

- 1. Personal Assistant Services
- 2. Health Care Reform

3. Employment

4. ADA and Other Civil Rights Laws

5. Transportation

- 6. Housing
- 7. Advocacy for School-aged Children

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

Keep up the good work!

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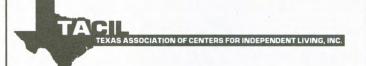
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Agenda

Friday	Eveni	ng – December	3,	1999
6:00 -	9:00	Registration		

Saturday Morning – December 4, 1999 8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 - 10:45 **Y2K Leadership the Short Term:** Dolores Salazar CTD Interim Board President

Status of the ADA: Wendy Wilkinson
Project Coordinator
Southwest Disability Business Technical Assistance Center
Independent Living Resource Utilization

Texas Architectural Barriers Act: Rick Baudoin Manager Administration and Inspections Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

11:00 – 12:00 **National Voter Registration Act:** Belinda Carlton Executive Director, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Accessible Voting Requirements: Jim Harrington Executive Director, Texas Civil Rights Project

- 12:00 1:30 **Awards Luncheon:** Jim Dickson Vice President and Director, Vote 2000 Campaign, National Organization on Disability
- 1:30 5:30 **Y2K Leadership the Long-term**, Kathy Kramer Facilitator Developing CTD's Agenda for the Next 5 Years
- 6:00 8:00 **Reception** (Beer, Wine, and Snacks) Quarter-A-Drink Social White Elephant Gift Exchange

Sunday Morning – December 5 8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 12:00 Delegate Assembly, Board Elections, and Resolutions



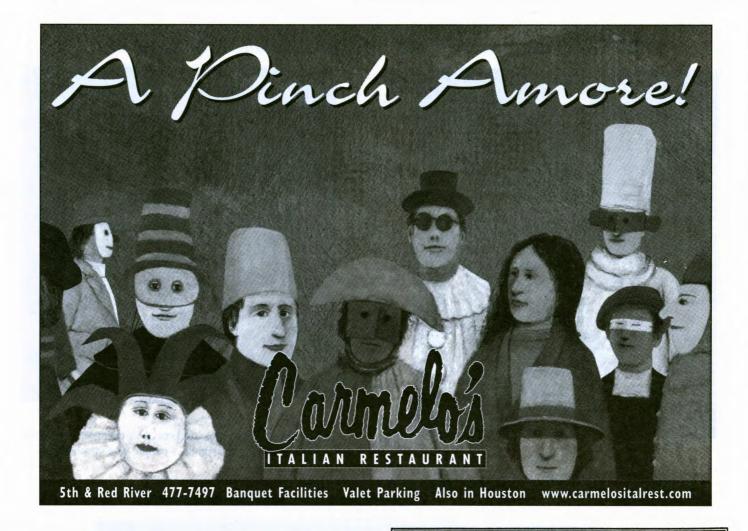
Rachel Leann Hunter accepts 1999 Kenny Murgia Scholarship



Jerry Hassell receives Lifetime Achievement Award for advocating the rights of people with disabilities



(L to R) PAS Task Force Chair Kathleen DeSilva, CTD Director Belinda Carlton recognize Comptroller Carole Keeton-Rylander and Texas Representative Harvey Hilderbran for their work in passage of SB 1586.





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(L to R) Redge Westbrook, Maria Tamez and Lee Redmond join other advocates at Governor's Mansion to protest Texas signing of the Olmstead Amicus Brief.

Maggies and the Heart of Texas Dodge wish.

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