

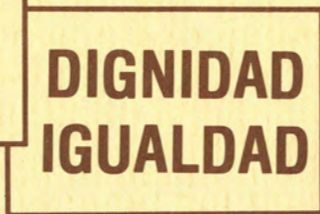
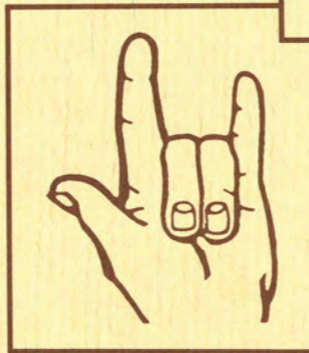
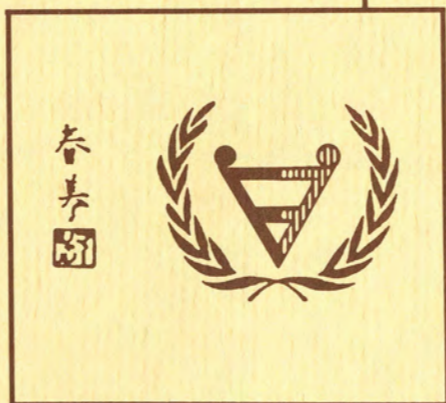
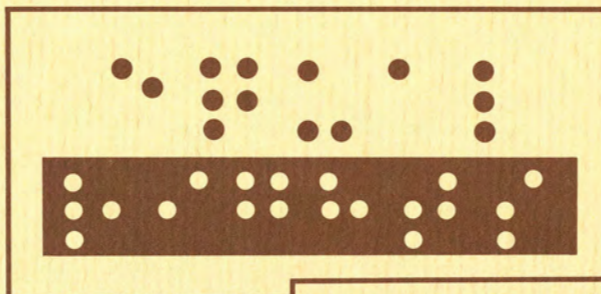
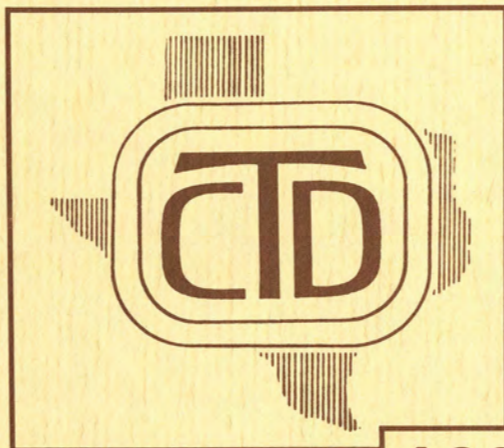
IYDP 1981

COALITION OF TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES

Fourth Annual Delegate Assembly

October 30-November 1, 1981

Houston, Texas



In
Celebration
of

1981—International Year of Disabled Persons



In February of 1978, a group of individuals concerned with the rights of disabled persons and issues affecting disabled Texans met in Houston to discuss methods of addressing mutual concerns. During this initial meeting a commitment evolved to establish a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals with disabilities. An interim board of directors was established to draft bylaws and to plan the first delegate assembly.

Disabled leaders from across the state gathered in San Antonio on September 29, 1978 to convene the first delegate assembly of CTD. Proposed bylaws were adopted. A platform listing issues of mutual concern was developed. Priorities and goals of the coalition were set. Officers and board members were elected.

CTD received its charter as a non-profit corporation in January 1979. What was previously only a dream became a reality for many Texans with disabilities. With increased involvement and participation of organizations and individuals active in the disability rights movement, CTD has not only become firmly established but also nationally recognized as an aggressive and moving force within the public and private arena.

Cross disability cooperation is both a goal to be achieved and an instrument of tactical value. The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a cross-disability coalition concerned with full access to all civil rights for all citizens.



Program Agenda

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities FOURTH ANNUAL DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY OCT. 30

6:30-9:00 p.m. Registration

7:00-10:00 p.m. "Get Acquainted" Time

SATURDAY OCT. 31

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome: Opening Remarks by Bobby Simpson

9:15 a.m. Welcome to Houston

9:30 a.m. Recognition of Organizational Members and Guests

9:45 a.m. Keynote Address

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Report from the President

10:45 a.m. Financial Report from the Treasurer

11:00 a.m. Nominating Committee's Report and Nominations from the Floor

11:15 a.m. Bylaws Committee Report and Vote on Proposed Amendments

12:00 noon Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

- A. Burn-Out, Issue Selection and Motivation
- B. The ABC's of Sign

2:30 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

- A. Burn-Out, Issue Selection and Motivation
- B. Minorities and Disability

4:30 p.m. CTD Staff Reports

5:00 p.m. Free Time

7:00 p.m. Banquet

Special Entertainment and Guest Speaker

SUNDAY NOV. 1

9:00 a.m. Election

9:30 a.m. CTD Member Organizations Report

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Election Results

11:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Report

11:15 a.m. Open Session-New Business

12:00 noon Adjournment

1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting, New Board of Directors

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Bobby Simpson
President, CTD

When I was elected to the office of President of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities in October of 1980, I was acutely aware of the responsibilities of the position and the sacrifice of time and effort which it demanded. However, I did not imagine the magnitude of the issues which needed immediate response and the many actions required throughout this year in order to assure that the voice of disabled Texans was heard by appropriate officials in policy making positions. I have been very fortunate to work with an extremely active and intelligent group of officers and board members who have played a major role in setting the course which CTD has followed during this past year. In this time of political conservatism, high inflation, and pressure to reduce federal spending, disabled people face many challenges in attempting to maintain a viable range of services necessary to enable us to participate equally in our society. I feel that in no point in the history of our country has it been more important for a strong cross-disability, statewide organization to come forward in a unified effort and speak up on issues affecting the quality of life of disabled Texans.

This past year has been an extremely important year, the effects of which will continue to be felt by disabled persons for many years to come. We have been faced with major challenges at the state and federal level which have threatened to extinguish many of the gains which disabled persons have made over the past twenty years. The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities has worked diligently to see that the rights of disabled persons have been preserved and

that the support services necessary for disabled persons to become active participating members of society remain in existence at an adequate funding level. CTD has grown and developed during the past year, not only in terms of numbers, but also in terms of effectiveness in influencing the decision making processes which affect our lives.

Currently, CTD has approximately 25 organizational members around the state of Texas and approximately 150 individual members throughout the state. I would like to emphasize a few of the activities in which CTD has been involved in order to illustrate the activity of our organization during this past year.

CTD and the Texas Committee of Organizations of the Handicapped developed a questionnaire which was sent to all candidates running for the State House and Senate in 1980. A large percentage of candidates responded to the survey and the results of the survey were compiled and sent to member organizations and other interested consumer groups so that appropriate decisions could be made regarding the candidates running for the State House and Senate.

In preparation for the 67th Session of the Texas Legislature, the delegates at the CTD Delegate Assembly adopted a legislative platform consisting of 14 bills relating to disabled persons which CTD endorsed and actively supported. Representatives of the Board of CTD, member organizations of CTD, and individual CTD members responded very effectively to our request for action regarding the important pieces of legislation which CTD supported. Considerable testimony was given regarding many of the bills as they appeared before Congressional Committees. Numerous letters, mailgrams, phone calls, and personal visits to legislator's offices were made on behalf of CTD. In the final analysis, 11 of the 14 bills contained in the CTD's legislative support package were passed. All persons associated with CTD should be proud of such a high percentage rate, particularly since this was our first organized effort to support a significant number of pieces of legislation.

The CTD generated enough input from member organizations around the state to cause the Texas Housing Agency to give a firm commitment to considering the need for appropriate housing for disabled persons as they plan the scope of activities in which their agency will be involved.

The regulations with which private developers must comply under the Architectural Barriers Law were on the verge of expiring and leaving the Purchasing and General Services Commission with no mechanism for enforcing the Architectural Barriers Law. Representa-



tives of CTD organizational members around the state made many important contacts in a very short period of time which resulted in the reimplementing of the Architectural Barriers Law regulations only days before they were to expire.

CTD has played an important role in disseminating information statewide to CTD members, and other interested groups regarding state and federal legislative action. Our resources were stretched to the limits since many important activities were taking place both in the Texas legislature and also at the federal level. We made many contacts with Congressman and high ranking officials in Washington in order to preserve the gains which disabled persons have made in the past several years and to attempt to minimize the effects of the current administration's budget proposals.

We mobilized a significant amount of consumer activity directed at the Federal Budget and disabled Texans played an important role in keeping such programs as Rehabilitation, Special Education, and Developmental Disabilities programs out of the block grant proposal. These programs certainly would have been included in the block grant were it not for the massive response from disabled persons nationwide opposing the block granting and potential elimination of vital programs necessary for disabled persons to become productive members of society.

CTD has received considerable visibility in many areas in addition to areas related only to legislative activity. CTD had the opportunity to present Senator Chet Brooks from Houston with a resolution commending him for his efforts on behalf of disabled Texans. This resolution was presented to Senator Brooks during the regular session of the Texas Senate. This presentation received significant media coverage and was unique in that very few organizations have the opportunity to make a personal presentation to a legislator during a regular working session on the floor of the House or the Senate. Senator Brooks also presented CTD with a resolution passed both by the Texas Senate and House of Representatives commemorating 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons.

We also received considerable media coverage in a presentation to Mr. Allen Clark, Special Assistant to the Governor, in appreciation of his many contributions which benefit disabled Texans. Officers and Board Members of CTD have also had the opportunity to appear on numerous television talk shows to discuss The International Year of Disabled Persons and the activities of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

During this past year, CTD has been involved with two sub-contracts which have increased the visibility and professionalism of our organization. We sub-contracted with Barrier Free Environments out of North Carolina to lay the ground work for a statewide 504 training workshop which was held in San Antonio, Texas. CTD made all of the logistical arrangements and also participated in the selection of persons who were allowed to attend the 504 training conference.

CTD also subcontracted with Creative Financial Services, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas. This subcontract consisted of arranging six public forums which were held around the state in order to gain consumer input regarding the housing needs of disabled Texans. Our participation in this project resulted in a significant document detailing the housing needs of disabled Texans and this document will be valuable to us as we attempt to show persons in decision making positions that there is indeed a tremendous need for housing for disabled Texans.

In summary, it has been a challenging and exciting year for the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. CTD is growing and developing. We have the respect of many persons throughout the state of Texas who are in positions of influence and policy making. We are developing the reputation as a well-informed, vocal, yet responsible organization of disabled Texans. The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is the only consumer oriented, cross-disability, statewide organization advocating for the rights of all disabled Texans.

In this capacity, we must continue to strengthen our organization in all areas of the state in order to assure that our voice will be heard. Now is the time for active involvement at the community, state and federal level. Unless all disabled persons coordinate, organize, and speak with a unified voice, the disabled community will not be heard. If our voice is not heard, then the gains which we have made in the past several years and those which we hope to make in the forthcoming years will be impossible to maintain or to attain.

Our organization does not have the money to affect the political process in the way that the private sector can. However, we can mobilize large numbers of persons which is an effective force in changing attitudes, the environment, and the Law. I encourage your involvement because without it, disabled persons will remain the silent minority of our society—underserved, underutilized, without respect and equality.

—Bobby Simpson, CTD President



CTD Life Member—Senator Chet Brooks



CTD President Bobby Simpson (left) presenting the CTD Resolution honoring Senator Chet Brooks (2nd from left) as life member. Also seen are Virginia Roberts (2nd from right), Executive Secretary, Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; and Charles Eskridge (far right).

On February 26, in a ceremony on the Senate floor, CTD president Bobby Simpson presented the following resolution commending the effort of Senator Chet Brooks, on behalf of disabled Texans.

“WHEREAS sensitivity and leadership in the Texas legislature are essential to the realization of equal opportunities for disabled Texans, and

WHEREAS Senator Chet Brooks has demonstrated his sensitivity by becoming personally involved with organizations of Texans with disabilities, and

WHEREAS his able leadership in the Senate, Committee on Human Resources' Study on Needs and Concerns of Disabled Texans has resulted in realistic and meaningful recommendations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, in this the International Year of Disabled Persons, commends Senator Chet Brooks for his outstanding contributions to disabled persons and presents to him the first lifetime membership in the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.



Senate Concurrent Resolution

S.C.R. No. 44

(Adopted March 2, 1981)

By Brooks

WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons and has challenged each nation to establish goals and programs aimed at improving the lives of its citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Estimates show there are 35 million Americans with physical and mental disabilities, who face special challenges each day as they seek to achieve full participation in their society; and

WHEREAS, The long-term national goals of the United States Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons are: (1) to expand educational opportunity; (2) to improve access to housing, buildings, and transportation; (3) to promote greater opportunity for employment; (4) to promote greater participation in recreational, social, and cultural activities; (5) to expand and strengthen rehabilitation programs and facilities; (6) to encourage purposeful application of biomedical research aimed at conquering major disabling conditions; (7) to reduce the incidence of disability through accident and disease prevention; (8) to increase application of technology to ameliorate the effects of disability; and (9) to expand international exchange of information and experience to benefit all disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, Governor William F. Clements has designated 1981 to be the Year of Disabled Persons in Texas and the State of Texas has already embarked upon a concerted effort to improve all aspects of the lives of its disabled citizens and now welcomes the opportunity to join in partnership, not only with the United States Council, but all levels of government as well as private organizations and individuals in expediting the full integration of disabled persons into the mainstream of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the 67th Legislature hereby endorse the national goals established by the United States Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons.

W.P. Hobby

President of the Senate





IYDP—1981 Texas Sub-Committee Action

The IYDP ad hoc subcommittee chaired by Justin Dart has worked in close cooperation with the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, many leaders in the disability rights movement, and the GCEH staff to undertake many awareness raising activities. Our most visible project was the production of 8 different IYDP bumper stickers. The bumper stickers relate the message of cross disability, unity and the call for an awareness of disabled people's rights through the messages.

The committee also targeted the media as the focus of an attack on stereotypes and destructive attitudes concerning disabled people, designed to bring a more enlightened image of disabled people to the general public.

The IYDP subcommittee has also handled requests for information and advice. The State Committee has also attended and participated in numerous IYDP activities around the state, including events in Lubbock, Denton, San Antonio, and Austin. IYDP allows tremendous freedom of creativity to celebrate in a way that will meet the needs of each local community.

The message of IYDP is clear: partnership is the only way. Partnership among organizations and partnership among individuals. The message is of responsibility. Disabled people and their advocates have the responsibility to be realistic, tough, and practical; to demand their rights and prove that disabled people do make valuable contributions as equal adult members of our society.

The job of the International Year of Disabled Persons does not end with 1981. It is the beginning of a struggle that will last not a year or even a decade, but over centuries to come.



Justin Dart, Jr.—CTD Outstanding Member 1981

On July 11, 1981, the CTD Board of Directors voted to recognize Justin W. Dart, Jr. as an outstanding member of CTD for the year 1981. Justin has donated untold hours of work toward furthering the cause of improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. His depth of insight and many years of experience in independent living and action for the betterment of society underlie the valuable advice he has given to CTD for the past several years. As chairperson of the Governor's committee on Employment of the Handicapped, he has brought that organization and CTD into close communication and cooperation. He is best known to many people for bumper stickers and posters he has produced with input from various cross-disability movement people. Such materials are reaching thousands of previously unreachable disabled Americans with the message of unity and the call to action. CTD offers Justin sincere thanks coupled with the promise to work toward the goals he has so well inspired in us all.



The Association of Disabled Individuals in Action

Amarillo

The Association of Disabled Individuals in Action was established on June 1, 1979. Its By-Laws state the following goals:

1. to encourage the elimination of both private and public barriers to handicapped persons;
2. to educate the general public about the problems handicapped persons face in everyday life;
3. to promote and encourage the provision of the following services and/or opportunities for the handicapped:
 - a. educational opportunities
 - b. public opportunities
 - c. accessible housing
 - d. employment opportunities;
4. to pursue all other legitimate purposes which benefit handicapped persons.

In the organization's two year existence it has effectively accomplished most of these goals and is continuing to pursue them.

Within six months of the organization's beginning it successfully proposed and established the formation of an Advisory Commission for the Disabled in the Amarillo City

Government. Through the commission, the A.D.I.A. helped to obtain accessible public transportation, to become operational in the Summer of 1982, new building code regulations for disabled persons, initiated a Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and renovation plans for City Hall to improve accessibility as well as the locating of TTYs for the deaf in key government buildings.

In it's first year the association conducted a survey of all city owned buildings which was presented to the Mayor. As result of our efforts the city contracted a local architect firm for the purpose of conducting a fullscale survey to determine building accessibility.

In the near future the association plans to publish an access directory for the Amarillo area, strive for the renovation of other city owned buildings to obtain full accessibility, as well as to continue existing projects.

The A.D.I.A. joined the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities in early 1981. This affiliation has increased our information concerning events on the state level and has encouraged us to become more active on that level. For more information contact: Marshall Mitchell (806) 376-5111 ext. 2440.



Arlington Handicapped Association

Arlington

During 1980-81 year, the Arlington Handicapped Association grew in numbers of people involved in the many types of activities offered. Arlington Handicapped Association received a \$17,000 grant from Texas Rehabilitation Commission to start a shared attendant housing program. In April of 1981, the program opened and presently serves six quadriplegics. The six receive attendant care service in a barrier free apartment setting. The attendants are paid for by a \$41,000 contract for services provided by the Texas Department of Human Resources. The Arlington Handicapped Association also received a HUD community block grant from the city of Arlington which will be spent on: center housing, A.H.A.'s Day Enrichment Program (which was started three years ago); A.H.A. offices; Arlington Retarded Citizens; the Arlington Girl's Club; and a gymnasium for the

city's recreation department. Construction on the \$500,000 facility will begin in the early summer of 1981. A.H.A. also received \$45,000 from the Kendavis Foundation to help develop programming and pay administrative costs. One-third of this amount will be received in each of the coming three years. A.H.A. has taken steps to provide smoother administration of this ongoing program by hiring its first executive director and by expanding its board of directors from eight to fifteen persons. Most of the new directors are from the community at large and were chosen because of their particular professional expertise. Overall, A.H.A. has experienced a tremendous year and hopes to have an even better year during the balance of I.Y.D.P., 1981. For further information contact: Arlington Handicapped Association, P.O. Box 3757, Arlington, TX. 76010. (817) 460-6691.



Commerce



Dr. John Moss, Founder and Executive Director of LAUNCH (left), Linda Larch, 1981 President Elect (right).

Launch is a self-help group made up of LD adults, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are the active membership. Three classes of associate memberships exist in Launch, they are: parents and advocates, Youth Associates thirteen to seventeen (13-17) years of age, and agency, business or institution memberships.

Active members may serve as officers of Launch and local Launch Stations. Associate members may serve on committees and all members participate in the business of Launch and its local Launch Stations. It requires a total of six active or associate Launch members to form a local Launch Station. At least one of the six must be an active member and serve as the officer of that Station.

Launch was founded in November 1978 at East Texas State University. It has now grown to include a national membership of active and associate members representing nearly every State in the Union. Membership development is emphasized and efforts are made to keep dues modest and the membership actively involved in all business of the corporation.

Launch is an acronym standing for Leadership, Action, Unity, Nurture, Citizenship, and Harmony.

The goals of the organization include:

1. To educate the surrounding community to the needs of the LD adult
2. To help LD adults resolve the issues and

barriers that hamper equality of opportunity for employment

3. To help LD obtain further education and training
 4. To help learning disabled adults experience success and survive in college settings
 5. To advance the education and general welfare of LD adults
- Services include:
1. The provision of resources for learning disabled individuals
 2. Coordination with other local, state, and national LD organizations
 3. Provisions of a communication channel for the learning disabled through a monthly newsletter
 4. Provisions of programs to enhance social interaction

The founder of Launch is Dr. John Moss, Professor, a Special Education teacher² at East Texas State University. Dr. Moss also serves as Executive Director of Launch. For further information contact Dr. Moss, ETSU, Special Education, Commerce, Texas 75428



Association for Individuals with Disabilities—A.I.D.

Dallas

Incorporated in October of 1977, A.I.D. has been gathering momentum over the past year. Recently AID was awarded a \$17,000 grant to activate a group of independent living apartments. This effort involved the hiring of a coordinator to recruit and train attendants to serve 16 quadriplegics living at the Maple Lawn apartments. This grant was part of a \$100,000 grant from TRC, most of which was earmarked for renovation of eight two-bedroom apartments. These living units have roll-in showers, lowered counters and intercom, making them the most accessible apartments in the Dallas area.

In April of 1981, AID sponsored a Spring fashion show for disabled persons. Special designs included: snap closures down the front, and velcro openings around the waist for easy and quick disrobing. For people in wheelchairs or beds, dressing can some-

times be difficult. One person desired a button sandwiched inside two layers of a garment. This was to solve the problem of velcro garments matting to other garments when washed in mass quantities, as well as to allow a garment to be slipped on a person in bed without the need for lifting.

A.I.D. was granted office space by the Dallas Society for Crippled Children. Two part-time employees funded by the Senior Employment Program has given a greater depth to an otherwise all volunteer consumer group. The newspaper, *Dimension*, which began publishing in October of 1979, now is at a breakeven point thanks to advertising sales. If you would like to receive a free subscription to *Dimensions*, write A.I.D., 5701 Maple Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75235. For further information about A.I.D. write: Joyce Tepley, President



Dallas

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West Texas Association for the Handicapped

El Paso

The West Texas Association for the Handicapped has signed a contract with Texas Rehabilitation Commission to provide an independent living center in El Paso, to be known as the El Paso Opportunity Center for the Handicapped (EPOCH).

Ted Thayer, an independent living coordinator for TRC, announced the signing of the contract June 12 during the final day of a three-day seminar on civil rights of disabled persons, co-sponsored by WTAH and the Handicapped Educational Law Program of Tufts-New England Medical Center.

The ceiling on the grants is \$200,000 per year to fund two centers in Texas over a three-year period for a total of \$600,000. Eighteen million dollars is budgeted for the current year nationally. Approximately \$15 million of that will go toward continuation proposals for centers already funded, which leaves slightly more than \$3 million for new applications.

Centers for independent living provide necessary services to enable handicapped persons to live independently in the community. Services include housing referral, information and referral, attendant care, job development, transportation, peer counseling, and advocacy.

Last year, TRC was granted \$1.2 million over a three-year period to fund



Ann Lemke, President of the West Texas Association for the Handicapped, flanked by Ted Thayer of TRC (left) and Don Hopkins, WTAH VP (right), sign contract for a proposed, Independent Living Service Center in El Paso.

centers for independent living in Houston and Austin. Centers for independent living are...the disabled helping the disabled. The West Texas Association for the Handicapped is an El Paso-based consumer advocacy organization founded 3 years ago. It is playing a major role in bringing to reality the city's first center for the handicapped, improved accessibility to public facilities, better transportation and increased employment opportunities for disabled individuals.

WTAH members represent the interest of disabled citizens as active participants on such committees as: Community Development, Steering Committee, City 504 Transportation Compliance Board, Handicapped Center Design Committee, and the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. For further information contact Ann Lemke, WTAH President, Special Populations Office, 4001 Dulanzno, El Paso, Texas 79905.



Houston

The Coalition for Barrier Free Living (CBFL) began in 1975 as a group of individuals in wheelchairs interested in developing an accessibility guidebook to Houston. From their beginning, the CBFL has grown to be a cross-disability organization representing various disability groups and parent organizations throughout Houston.

1980-81 has been an exciting year for CBFL with the acquisition of 4 major grants that thrust the organization from a relatively small but powerful advocacy group to one that not only advocates for the rights of disabled people, but one that also provides independent living services.

The two major grants were: 1) a grant from the Department of Labor—Youthworks to provide independent living services to disabled minority youth; 2) Title VII—Independent Living Money. These two grants plus a grant from the Developmental Disabilities Council to train educable mentally retarded individuals to be personal care attendants and money from CETA helped CBFL

create the Houston Center for Independent Living, the service component of CBFL.

One major service of the HCIL is provided by the Center of Deafness (COD) the deaf service component of HCIL. The creation of this service was the first formal attempt to provide services such as interpreter coordination, TTY/VOICE exchange and peer counseling for deaf people in the Houston area. This has proven to be a major success that has involved many more deaf people in CBFL's activities.

The next year will be spent in trying to locate alternate funding to supplement the dwindling federal dollars. The main focus of CBFL/HCIL over the next year will be in 5 major areas: 1) Advocacy, 2) Information and Referral, 3) Attendant Care, 4) Deaf Services, 5) Peer Counseling.

For further information contact: Bob Kafka, President, P. O. Box 20803, Houston, Texas 77025.



Texas Tech Coalition for Texans with Disabilities

Lubbock

TEXAS TECH COALITION FOR TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES

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Infant Development Program at Bexar County Easter Seal Society.

San Antonio Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Bexar County, Inc.

2203 Babcock Rd., 78229 699-3911

Executive Director: Randel W. Aaron

Organizational Structure: Private/non-profit National Health Agency. Local agency chartered in August, 1969.

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Contact Person: Sylvia Lopez, Social Worker or Terry Marshall, Coordinator.

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Handi-WORK: Contact Services to Business



Goodwill serves persons in all disability categories, but emphasis is on services to severely disabled persons. All facilities (including transportation) are accessible to mobility impaired individuals; all services (listed on letterhead) are available to hearing impaired persons through interpreters.

A. J. Blase, Executive Director, seeks to employ qualified disabled persons for administrative, professional, and supervisory staff throughout the organization. Key positions are filled with disabled professionals including wheelchair-bound James Johnson, Dispatcher of Passenger Transportation, and five of the seven executive staff positions are filled with disabled professionals: Dan Byrd, Operations Director; Santos Hernandez, Business Manager; Robert Martinez, Controller; Willis Williams (charter CTD member) Public Relations Director; and Lupe Young, Sales Director.

Disabled persons are invited to call or write Julian Cruz, Personnel Director, for job information or Elaine Dreyer, Rehabilitation Services Director, for Services information.



San Antonio

The motto of Reclamation, Inc. is "Respectability Through Positive Visibility." This is one method of furthering Reclamation's purpose of helping to reclaim the human dignity destroyed by the stigma of mental illness. Over the years, the negative aspects of the mentally ill have been the most visible. This is one cause of the stigma of mental illness which still persists even in our modern enlightened era. Most people who overcome mental illness seem to prefer to blend back into society, hoping that no further reference will be made concerning their illness.

Reclamation, Inc. believes that former mental patients themselves can help to further positive visibility. One means toward this end is the Reclamation, Inc. Award. This award is given each year by Reclamation, Inc. to a mentally restored person who has helped to eliminate the stigma of mental illness. The Mental Health Association, Texas Division, hosts the presentation of the award at their Annual Meeting.

The first Reclamation, Inc. Award was presented to Sister Mary Vincent Otto in Austin in 1978 by Don H. Culwell, Executive Director of Reclamation, Inc. She had suffered severe mental depression for fifteen

years. Also, in 1959, a series of eye operations resulted in the removal of her left eye and left her with impaired vision in her right eye. In spite of these handicaps, she entered Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio where she earned her Master of Science in Clinical Counseling in May, 1979. While in San Antonio, she worked tirelessly as a volunteer with the local Mental Health Association and other related organizations. After graduation, she moved to Houston where she developed a booming clientele as a private marriage, family, and rehabilitation counselor.

The Reclamation, Inc. Award for 1979 was received by Dolores Bryant of Orange, Texas. She has also worked openly as a former mental patient with the Mental Health Association for many years. She accompanied her husband, Carroll Bryant, on a tour of the local Mental Health Association chapters during his term as state president.

In 1980, the Reclamation, Inc. Award went to a couple, Bernard and Elvina Brady of Pasadena, Texas. He had been the South Texas Area Leader of Recovery, Inc. for several years and she had been the Assistant Area Leader. As an architect, Bernard has been involved in designing

and building apartment complexes. Elvina did her share of the management.

If more people could see and know these recipients of the Reclamation, Inc. Awards, there would be a little less stigma. That's what we call positive visibility.

For more information contact; Reclamation, Inc., 2502 Waterford, San Antonio, Texas (512) 824-8610.



Don Culwell, founder and Executive Director of Reclamation, Inc., presenting award to Sister Mary Vincent Otto, Austin, Texas, 1978.



San Antonio Citizens Concerned for the Handicapped

San Antonio

SACCH is a local San Antonio cross-disability group for handicapped citizens and their advocate friends, who conduct monthly gatherings consisting of business, social and work sessions aimed to improve the quality of life and integration to society for all disabled persons. Standing at a membership approaching 100, SACCH has been the consumer action group in San Antonio seeking multi-modal approaches for community transportation, coalition approaches to employment, housing, and recreation.

Among it's 1981 community activities, SACCH co-sponsored: An IYDP Handicapped Coalition Benefit Dinner Dance, co-participated with the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, sub-

committee on legislative affairs, hosted a special 504 Training Workshop, provided technical assistance to several hospitals and nursing homes on compliance with 504 regulations, initiated plans for establishment of peer counseling or disabled San Antonions and developed a questionnaire to survey the views and attitudes of the city council members in cooperation with eleven other interested local groups, of and for disabled citizens.

Most recently SACCH is working to establish a San Antonio, Independent Living Services program (S.A.I.L.S.). For further information, contact: Joyce Jenks, President, 170 Meadow Valley, San Antonio, Texas 78227.



Joyce Jenks, President of SACCH. (Far Left).



San Antonio College Handicapped Student Services



ualized tutoring, adaptive furniture and equipment, special parking, elevator access, reading, adaptation of classroom materials for the learning disabled and visually impaired, confidential disability information dissemination to the nurse and faculty if requested by the student, and referral to varying college and community agencies. All services are provided by the college and with no additional charge to the student. A Texas Rehabilitation Commission Counselor is offered at the college for the convenience of students served by this agency.

San Antonio

The goal of the San Antonio College Handicapped Services program is to equalize the educational opportunities for individuals with handicapping or disabling conditions by providing accessibility to all areas and services of the college. Handicapped Student Services is a division of the Department of Guidance and Counseling. Seventy-five to eighty persons are employed each semester to assist a yearly enrollment of over 500 students with apparent and nonapparent disabilities. A majority of Handicapped Student Ser-

vices employees have disabling conditions.

Each student requesting services of this office has a personal interview with the counselor/coordinator to determine appropriate, beneficial services so as to maximize the student's growth during his experience at the college. Examples of services offered include special registration procedures, career planning and testing, personal and academic counseling, interpreters for the deaf, notetakers, mobility assistance, part time job placement, individ-

For further information please contact: Sharon Quintanilla, Counselor/Coordinator, or Jacque Zunker, Interpreter/Coordinator, San Antonio College, Handicapped Student Services, 1300 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, TX 78284 (512) 734-2393.



San Antonio Council for Advancement of Services for the Deaf

San Antonio

Role of Council:

1. to furnish or provide services and activities with the goal of enabling deaf individuals to achieve social independence and adjustment;
2. to promote equal social and educational opportunities to deaf children and adults of all ages;
3. to sponsor and promote understanding between the deaf and the general public, so that the general public may have an understanding of the problems and potential of the deaf and hearing-impaired;
4. to promote goodwill and interaction among the deaf and hearing community, the Council being non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-partisan;

5. to cooperate with other agencies, associations, or organizations that publicly support or promote the objectives of this cooperation;
6. to provide interpreter services to bridge the communication gap between the hearing and deaf in dealing with legal, medical, educational, and daily living situations;
7. to serve as an information source relative to state and local programs and resources which are available to deaf individuals and their families;
8. to serve as an advocate for any and all services beneficial to deaf individuals of all ages. To accomplish the purposes herein expressed or implied or incidental thereto which non-profit corporations may do by virtue of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

For further information contact: Xavier Montalvo, 8000 Winsford, Camelot II, San Antonio, Texas 78229.



Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired

San Antonio

The Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired is a private, non-profit rehabilitation center, located on thirty acres in northwest San Antonio, Texas. The program offered is designed to meet the needs of multiply handicapped deaf adults, nationwide. The goals of the Center are to assist these persons to develop their abilities to live independently and to work competitively. To meet these goals, the following program of services has been established: (1) Vocational Evaluation, a diagnostic and screening process designed to measure a hearing impaired person's readiness for work; (2) Life Skills Center, where individualized classroom instruction is given in such areas as money management, consumer economics, health, legal aspects, and community resources; (3) Work Training Center, providing a realistic work setting to familiarize participants with behaviors desired of the working person; (4) Counsel-

ing, which provides personal and social adjustment counseling, program management, and job placement on an individualized basis; (5) Independent Living Training Program, offering situational learning experiences. Twenty-four hour residential services provide opportunity for social interaction with peers in a supervised setting. Off-campus recreational activities are planned and chaperoned by a staff of residential counselors. The Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired offers comprehensive and quality medical care through its clinic, with a staff on duty and on call 24 hours daily. Admission to the Center is made through application to the director, Steve Sligar, Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired, 6487 Whitby Road, San Antonio, Texas 78240. More information may be obtained by writing or calling (512) 699-3311 (voice) or 696-0321 (TTY).



Edelmira Raymond: Vocational Evaluator provides individualized classroom instruction to SCHI Client.



Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association

Texas

The Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association (SWAA) began in 1976 to promote recreational activities for disabled people. The 1st Wheelchair Olympics was held on the campus of the University of Houston and was attended by 42 individuals. This was the start of what is now a track and field meet that attracts people from throughout the Southwest.

The Wheelchair Olympics consists of events such as 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 1500 m, 5000 m, discus, javelin, shotput, club, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, and electric wheelchair races.

Individuals are classified according to their physical capabilities. Each person competes against another of similar physical capability. SWAA is part of the National Wheelchair Athletic Association and has sponsored athletes to regional and national competition.

Many other recreational activities such as wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, scuba diving, canoeing, and travel tours are the types of events SWAA promotes.

One of the key functions of SWAA is educational. One aspect is to inform the general public of the capabilities of disabled people—to show that wheelchair athletes are competitive and that wheelchair competitors are athletes. Another aspect is to illustrate to disabled people themselves that recreational activities are still available to them if they so choose.

The new technology in wheelchairs has changed the image the

disabled person has of himself utilizing a chair. SWAA holds workshops to exhibit some of the various wheelchairs that are available for track, basketball, and tennis.

SWAA is based in Houston and has close contacts with the University of Houston and the Houston Center for Independent Living. Information on the organization can be gotten by contacting SWAA, Bob Kafka President, P.O. Box 20803, Houston, Texas 77025, or calling (713) 528-6316 Voice/TTY, (713) 749-1527 Voice/TTY.



"On your Mark! Get Set! Roll!"

TEXAS

The Texas Association of the Deaf



...an historical
sketch

In 1932 the Texas Association of the Deaf (TAD) was chartered under the laws of Texas as a corporate body. Though it may not have been the first association of the deaf in Texas, its basic concepts and founding ideals do date back to 1886 and its history of militancy in behalf of the rights of the deaf in Texas become better recognized and appreciated as useful and productive citizens.

Perhaps the era between 1935 and 1965 was the most important of TAD's history. During that period the Association successfully fought the efforts of a politically ap-

pointed superintendent to convert the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) into a pure oral school, which would have been contrary to the then-accepted practices in the education of the deaf in the United States. Another victory for TAD was its long and successful campaign to have the school removed from under the jurisdiction of a board whose responsibilities were primarily in the field of eleemosynary services and placed it under the state department of education (Texas Education Agency) where it is now recognized as an educational institution in every sense of the word, and under a qualified educator of the deaf.

Other important and successful campaigns by TAD from 1935 to 1980 include the following:

- * Prevented a plan to sell TSD's present historical site in Austin and have the school relocated outside Austin.
- * Fought in the early 1950's for and secured a 2.5 million-dollar building program for TSD to replace the antiquated fire-trap buildings and make the school one of the most modern in America.
- * Took part in helping create the County-Wide Day School system, which later became the Regional Schools for the Deaf under Senate Bill 803.
- * Helped organize the Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf and helped secure legal recognition. This has become an important factor in the lives of the deaf in Texas.
- * Responsible for the famous "Deaf Package of Bills," which in part resulted in the creation of the Texas Commission for the

Deaf and other benefits-during the legislative session in 1967.

- * Instrumental in organizing the Parent Professional Section, which has become an affiliate of our state association.
- * Created and sponsored the TSD Chapter of the Junior National Association of the Deaf in 1964 to give the deaf youth training in leadership and responsibility. Then the Chapter hosted the national JR-NAD convention in Austin 1969.
- * Sponsored a bill during the 66th Legislative in 1979 to reorganize the Texas Commission for the Deaf and also fully supported the activities of the "1880 Committee" which made 10 recommendations that eventually became law to benefit all of the deaf citizens of Texas.

Helped with the establishment of Southwest College for the Deaf in Big Spring in 1980 and also endorsed the college's first director who was hearing impaired.

The TAD is proud of its historic accomplishments in the past, and recognizes those pioneers who gave the deaf impetus to stand up for their rights. The TAD also recognizes those who are still with us today and carrying on the quest for better opportunities for the deaf of Texas today and tomorrow.

For further information contact: Julius Seeger, President, 3117 Eaneswood Dr., Austin, Texas 78746

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Texas Paralyzed Veterans Assn.

Texas

TEXAS PARALYZED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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Texas

"The purpose of the Texas Rehabilitation Counseling Association is to advance the role and function of rehabilitation counseling in the rehabilitation of all physically, mentally, and otherwise handicapped persons in Texas." TRCA is a state branch of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, and all professionals are members of the National Rehabilitation Association. TRCA members are qualified as rehabilitation counselors, counselor educators, counselor supervisors, researchers in rehabilitation counseling, and also recognize students in training for rehabilitation practice as well as support personnel to rehabilitation counseling.

The purpose of the TRCA organization in Texas is to develop and promote training opportunities for all persons engaged in counseling of disabled people. Workshops and seminars are organized to provide information and techniques to improve the practice of rehabilitation counseling, as well as to provide a forum for discussion of professional concerns in order to promote a better understanding of the needs concerning disabled people.

Encouraging certification of qualified rehabilitation counselors is another major area of concern for the association. TRCA administers an alternate certification maintenance program, for members

to approve the appropriateness of a counselor's continuing education credits for maintenance of nation-wide certification. Promoting the adoption of minimum standards, training and experience for practicing rehabilitation counselors is a primary thrust of the association, working toward the influence of appropriate legislation related to rehabilitation counseling, and to maintain a dialogue with administrators of state agencies providing services to disabled citizens. Inherent in these efforts is the desire to assist in the professional growth of TRCA members through education, advocacy and expansion of career goals.

Another activity of TRCA is the planning and conducting of low cost, accessible "retreat" weekends, which offer a balance of professional workshops coupled with opportunities for relaxation, recreation, and camaraderie, striving toward an antidote for "burnout."

Overall, TRCA strives to expand the professionalism of rehabilitation counselors and to serve as effective advocates for the needs of disabled people in Texas.

For more information regarding TRCA, contact: Rebecca Hayes, President, 4309 Purdue, Dallas, Texas 75225



Texas Society for Autistic Citizens

Texas



The Texas Society for Autistic Citizens is a non-profit organization that works to benefit all children who are severely handicapped in their ability to communicate and relate. These include many aphasic and brain-damaged children as well as the classic "autistic" child.

Approximately four to five out of every 10,000 children are profoundly handicapped with a physically-based developmental disability known as autism. The exact cause or causes are yet to be

discovered. Current research points to a disorder in the mechanism of the central nervous system which impairs the way sensory input is assimilated. The resulting cognitive and perceptual dysfunctions cause severe problems in the ability to relate, to understand and communicate (particularly by spoken language), to behave appropriately, and to learn in a uniform manner.

Caught in an environment that is frightening and confusing, unable to communicate, autistic children appear to be in a self-imposed isolation, helpless in the hands of society and cut off from the love of their families. An estimated 80 percent of these children live out their lives in institutions at a great emotional and financial cost to all of us.

Innovative programs have demonstrated that with timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment and education, better than half of these children could remain in society and live a more normal and full life. The Texas Society for Autistic Citizens (TSAC), an affiliate of the National Society for Autistic Children (NSAC), is working to see that these children and others like them have that opportunity through public awareness, professional education, information and referral, development of teaching homes, case management, development of NSAC chapters, and research.

The offices for the Texas Society for Autistic Citizens are located at 314 West 11th Street, Suite 321, Austin, Texas 78701. (512) 472-1454.



Voting Process

VOTING PROCESS:

- State Organizational Members—5 votes
- Local Organizational Members—3 votes
- Associate Member—No vote as an organization

Individuals—Individual members of CTD may vote by forming a caucus of ten or more CTD individual members who are not also members of CTD member organizations—1 vote

No voting by proxy is allowed

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES:

Renewal of membership and payment of dues should be completed either prior to the Delegate Assembly or during the convention Legislation October 30-November 1, 1981.

Please renew your membership in the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. Your active participation is a step toward improving the quality of life for all disabled Texans.



Expansion of Membership

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to cross-disability communication, cooperation, and coordination. The Coalition promotes the social, education, physical, and mental well-being of disabled Texans. The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities brings together people and organizations with similar goals in a united effort to represent all disabled Texans to Government, the private sector, and the general public. Membership in the Coalition enables organizations and individuals to enhance their effectiveness in improving the quality of life for Texans with disabilities.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ (Organization or Individual) _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ (Street Address or Post Office Box) _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Name of contact person for organization _____

Membership category applied for: _____

_____ State

_____ Local

_____ Individual

_____ Associate

Mail application and dues to: CTD
P.O. Box 4709
Austin, TX. 78765

Name of Organization _____

Estimated Membership _____

Estimated percentage of members with disabilities _____

Percentage of Governing Board who are disabled _____

Does the organization have non-profit status? _____

Is the organization a state organization? _____

If yes, does the organization have chapters in at least two cities? _____

Is the organization a regional and/or local chapter of a state organization? _____

If yes, what organization? _____

If the organization a regional and/or local chapter of a national organization? _____

If yes, what organization? _____

Organizational Purpose (Goals, Objectives, Population Served) _____

OUR CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE AVAILABLE

State organization members are non-profit organizations composed primarily of persons with disabilities and their adherents; have chapters in at least two cities; are not regional chapters of a state organization having membership in CTD. Dues are \$50.00 annually.

Local organization members are non-profit organizations composed primarily of persons with disabilities and their adherents; are not a chapter of a state organization having membership in CTD. Dues are \$25.00 annually.

Associate members are organizations wishing to support the work of CTD but which do not meet the above qualifications for state or local organizations. Dues are \$75.00 annually.

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Texas 1981 Legislative Balance Sheet

This report includes only bills relating to the handicapped which passed the 1981 Session of the Texas Legislature. Of the 14 most significant disabled related bills passed, 11 were supported by CTD; these were:

- SB 5** by Brooks. Provides that the states architectural barriers law applying to certain private buildings such as shopping centers, theaters, hospitals, etc. shall be applied to all counties in Texas with populations of 45,000 or more. *Signed by Governor 5/28/81. Effective immediately.*
- SB 6** by Brooks. Provides for the Commission for the deaf to place telecommunication devices in selected state agency offices. *Effective September 1, 1981.*
- SB 14** by Doggett. Provides for the Department of Highways and Public Transportation to issue permanent and temporary identification cards to persons who are disabled (as well as license plate tabs which are already authorized) for identifying cars for parking spaces for the handicapped or exemption from regular meter fees. *Effective September 1, 1981.*
- SB 52** by Brooks. This Act spells out in more specific detail exactly which services are to be provided by the Commission for the Deaf. *Signed by the Governor 5/14/81. Effective immediately.*
- SB 320** by Parker. Requires the Commission for the Deaf to establish four pilot programs for deaf-blind individuals during the next biennium to promote self-sufficiency and independent living. *Effective when signed by the Governor.*
- SB 531** by Glasgow. This Act permits the person with a disability to certify this fact himself without examination by a physician to vote absentee. *Effective when signed by the Governor.*
- SB 892** by Brooks and Farabee. The Act establishes a post secondary educational program ("The Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf") in Big Spring under the jurisdiction of the Howard County Junior College District. *Signed by the Governor 5/14/81. Effective immediately.*
- SB 1061** by Kothman. Contains provisions relating to designated parking for the handicapped in state, political subdivision, and private lots very similar to those contained in SB 14. *Effective September 1, 1981.*
- HB 254** by Benedict. Exempts the following from the sales tax: (1) therapeutic appliances, devices or related supplies prescribed by a licensed practitioner and purchased by the person for whom prescribed; (2) corrective lens and supplies; (3) hypodermic syringes and needles; (4) braces, hearing aids, orthopedic, prosthetic and dental appliances, ileostomy, colostomy, and ileal bladder appliances and replacement parts and supplies. Also exempted are use and sales taxes on motor vehicles that "have been or will be modified for operation" by or for transportation of an orthopedically handicapped person and is driven by or used for the transportation of such person. *Effective October 1, 1981, except that the provision regarding vehicle tax becomes effective September 1, 1981.*
- HB 1345** by Laney. Expands the current state program for encouraging the purchase of goods and services produced by blind persons to include other severely disabled persons. *Effective September 1, 1981.*
- HB 2173** by Smith of Travis. Provides for alternate forms for testing handicapped adults for employment skills, or educational levels. Permits testing to measure individual abilities rather than disabilities. *Effective when signed by the Governor.*

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