

# 1.7 Million Texans Disabled But Able To . . .

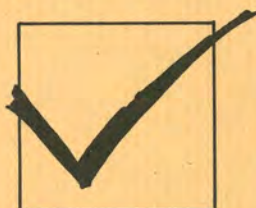


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"To Lead And Participate"



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"To Play"



"To Share"

**1982**

**COALITION OF TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES**

Fifth Annual Delegates Assembly  
October 22nd Thru 24th, 1982  
San Antonio, Texas





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# CTD—History and Perspective

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, providing, in 1982, some 38 VISTA volunteers to 22 of its organizational members.

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. It is with great pride that the 11 CTD organizational members in San Antonio welcome back CTD delegates in 1982, on the fifth anniversary of its constitutional birth.

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## Program Agenda

### Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Fifth Annual Delegates Assembly

#### Friday, Oct. 22

- 6:30-9:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. "Get Acquainted" Time

#### Saturday, Oct. 23

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome: Opening Remarks by Bobby Simpson, CTD President (1980-82)
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome to San Antonio: Mayor Pro-Tem
- 9:20 a.m. Recognition of Organizational Members and Guests: Bobby Simpson, CTD President
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote Address: Dr. Victor Galloway, Executive Director, Texas School for the Deaf.
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Report from the President: Bobby Simpson
- 10:45 a.m. Financial Report from the Treasurer: Lee Kitchens
- 11:00 a.m. VISTA Report: Linda Larch, CTD Executive Director
- 11:10 a.m. Nominating Committee's Report and Nominations from the Floor: Dave Sharp
- 11:30 a.m. Bylaws Committee Report and Vote on Proposed Amendments: Pat Pound
- 12:00 noon Lunch (Banquet style) at the Hyatt-Regency—Special Address: Robert Johnson, Executive Director, Architectural Transportation, Barriers Compliance Board
- Presentation of Awards
- 1:30 p.m. Workshop—Independent Living
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Workshop—Technology and the Disabled Person
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour and See San Antonio
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

#### Sunday, Oct. 24

- 9:00 a.m. Elections
- 9:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Report
- 9:45 a.m. Candidate Survey and Voter Awareness
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Election Results
- 10:45 a.m. Building a Legislative Platform for 1983 and New Business
- 12:00 noon Adjournment
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting, New Board of Directors

**CTD Program Editors**  
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# From the Governor



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

August 5, 1982

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.  
GOVERNOR

Mr. Bob Simpson  
President  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
2818 San Gabriel  
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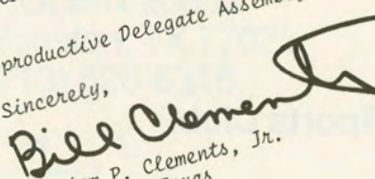
Dear Bob:

Congratulations to you and the Delegates to the Fifth Annual Delegate Assembly of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. In a few short years the Coalition has developed from being a mere idea in the minds of a few people to being an effective advocacy organization representing several thousand people and working diligently on behalf of all the disabled citizens of the state.

It is my belief that disabled persons should be and can be productive citizens when opportunity is extended to them. This belief has been well supported by my own experience in hiring persons with disabilities and appointing them to boards, commissions and special committees. Consistent with my belief, I pledge my continued support for policies and programs which give qualified disabled persons a responsible voice in matters especially affecting disabled citizens, which encourage maximal independence and productivity in disabled persons, and which are economically sound.

Best wishes for a successful and productive Delegate Assembly.

Sincerely,

  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor of Texas







## CTD—Local Organizational Members

Definition: Local organizational members are disabled consumer organizations which:

1. Consist primarily of persons with physical and/or mental disabilities and their adherents, and whose board or governing body is comprised primarily of persons with physical and/or mental disabilities and their adherents;
2. Are not a chapter of a state organizational member;
3. Are non-profit organizations;
4. Have purposes similar to the coalition.

The following organizations, listed alphabetically, by city are local CTD organizational members. Local organizational members each have three votes.



### AMARILLO

#### Association of Disabled Individuals in Action

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(806) 374-4211 (h)



#### Amarillo Indoor Sports Club

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(806) 622-2258

#### Peoples Association for Life Services

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Marshall Mitchell or Ed Matthews

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Amarillo, TX 79109

(806) 374-6074



### ARLINGTON

#### Arlington Handicapped Association

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### AUSTIN

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A Liveable Environment**

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**West Texas State University  
Handicapped Association**

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Canyon, TX 79016



**COMMERCE  
LAUNCH, Inc.**

*Contact Person:*

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ETSU Dept. of Special Education  
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**West Texas Association  
of the Handicapped**

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**HOUSTON**

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**IRVING**

**Handicapped Association of Texas**

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### **McAllen**

#### **Rio Grande Valley Spinners**

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#### **Northeast Association for the Deaf**

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San Antonio, TX 78204  
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#### **San Antonio Council for Advancement of Services to the Deaf**

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#### **San Antonio Insight, Inc.**

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(512) 333-4477





## CTD Local Associate Organizational Members

Definition: Associate members are organizations with an interest in persons with disabilities but which do not meet the qualifications of state or local organizational regular membership and our organizations which wish to support the work of the coalition. Local service provider agencies usually fall under this category of CTD membership.



### **AUSTIN**

#### **Austin Center for Battered Women**

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Austin, TX 78705

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#### **Travis County Services for Deaf**

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Austin, TX 78704

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### **DALLAS**

#### **Spinal Bifida Association of Dallas**

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Irving, TX 75062

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### **EL PASO**

#### **El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind**

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El Paso, TX 79905

(915) 532-4495



### **HOUSTON**

#### **Spinal Bifida Association of Houston**

*Contact Person:*

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(713) 862-1446





## CTD Local Associate Organizational Members

### **SAN ANTONIO**

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## CTD—State Associate Organizational Members

Definition: State associate members are organizations with an interest in persons with disabilities, which do not meet the qualifications of state or local regular organizational membership but do have chapters in at least two cities in Texas and which wish to support the work of the coalition. State service provider organizations usually fall under this category of CTD membership.

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### **Voting Process:**

State Organizational Members—5 votes

Local Organizational Members—3 votes

Associate Members—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 voting member organizations—1 vote

No voting by proxy is allowed



### **CTD Presidents**

1978-1980 Pat Pound

1980-1981 Bob Geyer

1981-1982 Bobby Simpson

1982-1983 To be elected in San Antonio



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## U.S. President Elected by Disabled Americans

If you are reading this article, the headline evidently caught your eye. Although disabled Americans electing a President may seem a bit futuristic, it is not at all impossible. If a substantial portion of the 20 million voter eligible Americans with disabilities united, we could and would elect a President. For this to happen, all these persons must register to vote, be informed about the issues and cast their votes for a President who is knowledgeable and progressive on disability issues. But if there are still some disabled persons who are not deeply involved in the country's political process, particularly as it relates to elections, then there is work still to be done.

David Weintraub, a VISTA volunteer with the CTD central office has prepared a "Voter's Packet." You may have seen or heard about these materials, but if not, we want you to know what is available. Information in the packet includes how to register and vote as a disabled Texan, how to hold a candidates forum, and how to conduct a candidates survey. Call or write the CTD office for information on obtaining a packet. Member organizations of CTD have already received packets.

Getting disabled voters to the polls is only part of the "disabled but able to vote" project sponsored by CTD. Another part is devoted to promoting awareness that there are 1.2 million disabled Texans "disabled but able to vote." As part of this public awareness program, CTD has produced posters, bumper stickers, and rubber stamps following this theme: "Disabled but able to Vote."

With projects like these, the time may not be so far away when our headline, "U.S. President Elected by Disabled Americans," becomes not a dream but a reality.

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**Bobby Simpson**  
President, CTD

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities has experienced tremendous growth during the past year. Last year at this time, the CTD organizational membership numbered slightly less than 20 organizations. At this time, the number of CTD member organizations exceeds 40 and our individual membership has also greatly increased. We have been able to handle this significant growth and maintain communication and coordination with member organizations because we have been fortunate enough to have a competent and energetic staff to carry out many of the activities of the Coalition.

In the past, CTD has been plagued with the same problems which inhibit the rapid development of similar organizations—the lack of staff to carry out organizational activities. During the past year, CTD applied for and was granted funding from the Federal Action Program in order to hire a full time Executive Director whose basic responsibility is to oversee the activities of various VISTA Volunteers assigned to CTD. In addition to the ACTION Grant, CTD was able to acquire over thirty VISTA positions. We have placed in excess of thirty VISTA Volunteers with a wide variety of CTD member organizations around the state. Linda Larch, our Executive Director, and the many VISTA Volunteers working for CTD and its member organizations

have made very significant contributions to our organization during this past year.

During this year, CTD has focused its efforts around the slogan "Disabled But Able..." to work, to vote, to play, to educate the general public, and to bring about changes in areas which are of importance to disabled Texans.

CTD staff has also developed a comprehensive transportation paper which discusses the broad issues related to disabled persons' use of public transportation and the special public transportation approaches used in the major metropolitan areas of Texas.

CTD Board Members have had direct contact with the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House regarding Texas' input on President Reagan's Task Force to identify unnecessary Federal regulations.

CTD has testified at several Title XX Block Grant Hearings held by the Governor's Office in which we stress the need for community based care alternatives for disabled persons in Texas.

CTD members have presented testimony at a variety of public forums on "Needs and Concerns of the Mentally and Developmentally Disabled." At these forums, CTD tended to be the only organization to emphasize the need for a comprehensive range of productive services for all disabled Texans. CTD mounted a concerted effort and organizational members and individuals members of CTD responded in great numbers to our request to contact Federal Legislators in support of adequate Federal Funding for Rehabilitation Programs, Special Education Programs and Public Housing for Disabled Persons. Many Legislators have indicated to us that the massive input received on the Federal level from disabled Texans and other disabled persons throughout the nation played a significant role and as a result, many of the programs about which we are concerned received adequate Federal budgetary appropriations. Last August CTD launched an all out letter writing campaign directed to President Reagan to ensure the rights of disabled persons by sustaining provisions of Section 504.

CTD has hosted a variety of receptions for dignitaries attending several different

conferences held throughout the state in order to increase our visibility.

We have made many positive contacts in regard to the continuation of funding for the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

The recognition and respect which CTD has developed is illustrated very well by the fact that the Governor has appointed CTD Board Members to the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and to the Long Term Care Planning Group II which will chart course for the provision of Long Term Care Services to disabled people for many years to come.

The specific activities mentioned above, illustrate the varied approaches which our organization is taking in order to assure that those persons in influential decision making positions are aware of the needs and concerns of disabled Texans. We have worked hard in order to avoid many of the negative consequences which could have resulted from the current economic and political realities of our nation. It is absolutely necessary that we all renew our efforts to speak out in a positive and productive fashion in order to insure that disabled Texans are given the opportunity to develop independence, productivity and a meaningful way of life to the maximum extent possible.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of CTD for two consecutive terms. I look forward to working closely with all of you in the future months and years to come in order to assure that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities continues to grow and evolve as a force to be reckoned with in the state of Texas.





*"Without the fine administrative skills and leadership of Linda Larch, CTD Executive Director, CTD would not have made the gains noted during the 1981-82 program year."*



*"Juan filled in for Mel Aaron, who left CTD this past year, fulfilling the void in CTD fiscal accountability."*



*"Sharon Gardner brought highly needed expertise to the CTD central office this past year."*



*"David Weintaub, jack of all trades, joined the CTD central office staff in January as a new VISTA volunteer."*

In the summer of 1981 a grant from ACTION enabled CTD to begin to recruit individuals to be Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs), assisting CTD's member organizations in their own local efforts to upgrade the quality of life of disabled Texans.

Originally CTD acquired 4 VISTAs beginning in November of 1981, but as the grant was expanded, Linda Larch, Executive Director and VISTA Supervisor, was able to recruit additional VISTAs to the current number of 34.

These VISTAs are fulfilling their year's commitment in many areas of the state—from El Paso to Houston, from Amarillo to San Antonio.

Three of the VISTAs work in CTD's central office helping to coordinate the many projects and activities initiated. These central office VISTAs also serve as a channel of information to CTD member organizations regarding pending and current legislation, fund-raising projects, and other CTD and VISTA activities.

In addition to their primary function of being a liaison between CTD and the organizations they serve, all 34 of the VISTAs are involved in highly productive projects which directly and indirectly aid people with every major type of disability.

Some VISTAs concentrate on developing the organization to which they are assigned. This includes increasing membership, contacting unaffiliated disabled people in the community, helping with fund raising activities, special projects, developing record keeping procedures, handling correspondence, writing newsletters, and bookkeeping.

Other VISTA activities include peer counseling, teaching independent living skills, sign language, or identifying available resources in the community such as accessible apartments, special transit, and available attendants.

Many VISTAs also attend meetings and hearings regarding disability. In fact, several VISTAs are becoming quite effective speakers at such hearings.

All VISTAs and organizations are currently involved in the voter registration drive—CTD's "Disabled but Able to Vote" campaign.

CTD wishes to express its gratitude for all the many hours of dedicated work done by the VISTAs. This program has contributed greatly to helping disabled Texans become a more viable, vocal, valuable segment of American society.

According to current federal directives there will be no more VISTAs after April 15, 1983. However, because of the great outcry of many VISTAs and disabled people and their advocates, we have begun to detect a slight mellowing on this decision. If we continue to frequently express our feelings about this to our Congressmen and President, it's still a possibility the VISTA program could continue.





The current VISTAs and the organizations they serve are as follows:

1. CTD, Central Office (Austin): Juan Barron, Sharon Gardner, and David Weintraub, Mel Aaron;
2. Association of Disabled Individuals in Action (Amarillo): Bernie Santa-Coloma;
3. Indoor Sports Club (Amarillo): Janice Wilson;
4. Panhandle Council for the Deaf (Amarillo): Julie Garnett;
5. Arlington Handicapped Association: Olivia Acosta and Brenda Ryan;
6. Austin Center for Battered Women: Carlotta Moreno;
7. Austin Resource Center for Independent Living: Stephanie Lewis and Chester Lyssy, Kathleen Krusick;
8. Open Door (Austin): Gena Oliphant and Ora Staudt;
9. Texas Assn. for Children with Disabilities (Austin): Libby Gideon;
10. Texas Association of the Deaf (Austin): Daisy Palmer;
11. San Jacinto Council for the Deaf (Baytown): Cynthia Clayton;
12. Launch, Inc. (Commerce): Donna Coburn and Robin Roberts;
13. Assn. of Individuals with Disabilities (Dallas): Fred Kramer, Ovid Neal, and Suzanne Whalen;
14. El Paso Opportunity Center: Carlos Gomez-Farias and Susan Mitchell, Jim Parker;
15. El Paso Light House for the Blind: Marjorie Miles;
16. West Texas Association of the Handicapped (El Paso): Gene Ormsby;
17. Lubbock County Services for the Deaf: Louise Faulkner;
18. Northeast Assn. for the Deaf (San Antonio): Jill Mathey;
19. San Antonio Citizens Concerned for the Handicapped: Nancy Lynch and Kim Weng;
20. San Antonio Insight: Edmund Allaire;
21. Southwest Center for the Hearing Impaired (San Antonio): Richard Bell and Melinda Cain;
22. Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Assn. of Texas (Seagoville): Patricia McCallum.



*"Nancy Lynch, SACCH VISTA."*



*"Kim Weng, SACCH VISTA."*



*"Janice Wilson—Amarillo Indoor Sports Club VISTA."*



*"Jim Parker, who contributed much to CTD's Central Office, now goes west, to El Paso."*





*"Kathleen Krusick, Stephanie Lewis—ARCIL VISTAs."*



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## Ten Year Plan for Texans with Disabilities

In an unprecedented action Governor William P. Clements, Jr. has named leading representatives of the disabled community to play important roles on a blue ribbon panel on disability. Charged with creating a ten-year plan to coordinate and improve the productivity of all public, private and volunteer efforts to solve the problems of the more than 1.7 million disabled Texans, the Long-Range Planning Group for Texans with Disabilities will be chaired by wheelchair user Justin W. Dart, Jr. of Austin, who heads the Texas Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Also named to the panel were Pat Pound of Austin, founder of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, who is blind; paraplegic Lex Frieden of Houston, Project Director of the Independent Living Resource Utilization; and David Sloane of Austin, Executive Director of the Advocacy Coalition on Mental and Developmental Disabilities. Official advisers to the Group include Coalition of Texans with Disabilities President Bob Simpson, Texas Association of the Deaf President Julius Seeger, Texas Association for Retarded Citizens Executive Director Carmen Quesada, and League of Disabled Voters National President Durward McDaniel.

Disabled leaders welcomed the Governor's action. In a letter to Coalition members and other disabled Texans, CTD President Simpson said, "Governor Clements has given our movement considerable responsibility by appointing some of our leaders to be members of and to chair this Planning Group. Never before have the concerns of the disabled population been so well represented on such a significant panel." In a similar message Dart stated, "For years we have been asking the government to include us in high-level disability-related planning. Governor Clements has responded not only by asking leaders of the disabled community to participate in this most significant of all planning processes, but to lead it. This is our big opportunity."

Other members of the Governor's Long-Range Planning Group for Texans with Disabilities are: Dr. Paul Wrotenbery, Vice Chairman; William Acosta; Virginia Atkinson; Senator Chet Brooks; William C. Conner; James W. Cooper, D.D.S.; Mary H. Duvall; Helen Farabee; William J. Foran; James M. Martin; George H. McCullough, M.D.; Carolyn Humphreys Musselman; Stanley Eugene

Neely; Frederick C. Rehfeldt, M.D.; Ellie Selig, Representative Ashley Smith; Jack S. Weinblatt, M.D.; and Lorece Porter Williams.

In the process of preparing the Long-Range Plan, the group held a series of eight public forums throughout the state to solicit the ideas of disabled persons, their advocates, service providers and the public in August and September.

David Lane, vice-president and general manager of WFAA-TV Dallas and volunteer consultant to the Planning Group, identifies the lack of public awareness of the real problems and potential of disabled people as the single largest barrier they face in obtaining a life of quality and productivity. "The media can make a contribution to this state-wide plan," he said, "by making a commitment to portray disabled people more realistically, thereby improving the attitudes not only of the general public, but of government officials and leaders."

Justin Dart reports that such a program will involve millions of people and billions of dollars. Several issues have already been addressed by the new long-term care planning group including preliminary solutions proposed for the following questions:

1. What are the major barriers to disabled people in obtaining a life of quality and productivity?
2. How can expensive, inefficient, maintenance oriented services for disabled people be turned into more cost efficient, independence oriented services?
3. What would be the most efficient mechanism for a state government effective, to effect maximal coordination and utilization of its resources for disabled people?
4. How could the organizations related to your areas of expertise improve their effectiveness regarding disabled people?

If you have information you wish to give to the panel's efforts, contact:

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July 19, 1982

TO: Organizational and Individual members  
RE: Section 504 of the 1973 Rehab. Act, as amended

President Reagan:

As representative of 1.7 million Texans with disabilities, we wish to declare our emphatic and positive support for the codified regulations implementating Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, as amended.

In order for disabled citizens to achieve maximum productivity and independence, it is imperative that the regulations implementating all of Title V of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act be sustained.

Any discrimination of the civil rights of persons with disabilities should not be tolerated be it "intentional or unintentional." Only aggressive enforcement of these regulations will ensure that more disabled persons have the opportunity to become taxpayers instead of tax users.

Respectfully,  
The Board of Directors  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

**20 MILLION AMERICANS  
DISABLED  
BUT ABLE TO**



**VOTE**



The concept for the **GCEH Communications Awards Program** was initially suggested by Pat Pound, recently appointed Chairperson of the GCEH Media Relations Subcommittee, and enthusiastically supported by Justin W. Dart, Jr., Chairperson of the GCEH.

During the past two decades dramatic improvement of opportunities for individuals of minority races has enlightened policies of the public communications media. Similar policies could enormously benefit disabled individuals.

With an overwhelming potential and a corresponding responsibility, the Media has a tremendous power to modify obsolete attitudes which limit disabled people and to change crippling stereotypes with facts. The Communications Awards Program helps promote and spread the truth that independent living is profitable for disabled people and for society as a whole.

The first GCEH Communications Awards will be presented at a special event tentatively scheduled for February, 1983 in Houston, Texas.

Through its officers, board members, and members, CTD has provided vital support for the program which depends heavily on consumer involvement for its success. A statewide network of media relations liaisons makes contacts with the media, provides information about disabled persons for use by media personnel and solicits nominations for the Awards Program.

GCEH Media Relations Subcommittee Members are:

Pat Pound, Chairperson

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