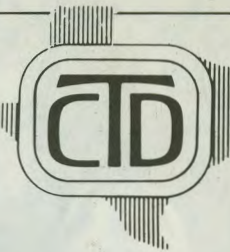
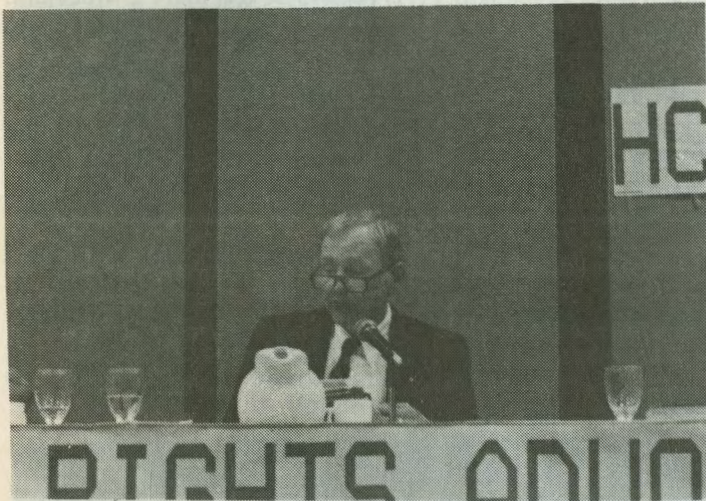


# COALITION OF TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES



Winter 1988

## NEWSLETTER



Justin Dart, Jr. addresses the CTD 10th Annual Convention with call for strong advocacy.

### A Sad Day for RSA

Unfortunately, the resignation of Justin Dart, Jr. became effective December 15, 1987. Dart was forced to resign as the Commissioner of the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration after delivering his "statement of conscience" before the House Select Education Subcommittee.

Dart, a long-time activist for the disability rights movement, testified that "the profound problems in areas such as management, personnel, and resource utilization" within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (OSERS-RSA) "are negatively impacting services to citizens with disabilities".

Dart was forced to resign in spite of the facts that the disability community strongly supports Dart, that 82 of the 84 state Vocational Rehabilitation Commissioners support Dart, that advocacy groups all over the country protested in "Rallies of Conscience", that the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources has voiced its support of Dart, and in spite of the fact that many congressional leaders have expressed their support for and concern about losing Dart!

However, the Committee on Select Education has requested the General Accounting Office (GAO) to investigate OSERS-RSA. The preliminary phase of the investigation will focus on how OSERS has (or has not) utilized their task forces and other resources. GAO will present an in depth report to the Congress and to the in-coming administration. In

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CTD Founders share thoughts at Forum. Left to Right: Marshall Mitchell, Bobby Simpson, Larry Evans, Larry Johnson, TCB Executive Director Pat Westbrook- Moderator, Virginia Roberts, Pat Pound, Bob Kafka and Lee Kitchens.

### Back To Houston...Houston

CTD celebrated its first decade of disability rights advocacy in style in the town of its birth - Houston. National leaders in the disability rights movement spoke to the 200 plus disability advocates attending from across the state. Justin Dart, Jr., then Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, RSA, gave a report from Washington (see related article, this issue) telling of his struggles to improve services for all disabled Americans. Dart and his wife Yoshiko are both life-time CTD members and long time supporters of the Coalition. His support of advocacy in the state was once again demonstrated when Dart gave three Distinguished Service Awards for outstanding advocacy efforts to: CTD, CTD Past President Bob Kafka, and Texas Rehabilitation Commissioner Vernon Arrell.

Ed Roberts, one of the founders of the independent living movement, was another highlight. Roberts, who gave the key note address as well as a workshop on independent living, stressed the importance of advocacy in independent living. Now President of the World Institute on Disability, Roberts was previously the state director of California's rehabilitation services department. In addition to his speeches, Roberts helped a friend Tony put on an impromptu demonstration of Karate and self-defense techniques which can be done by persons with severe disabilities.

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CTD Halloween party-goers took top prizes in hotel costume contest!

## Back to Houston

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Deborah McKeithan, founder of Handicapped Organized Women, HOW, gave the challenge address and spoke on the need to push on with advocacy and develop new leaders. McKeithan is working with several Texans to start HOW chapters in our state and is working on a new national project, HIM - Handicapped Independent Men. Mary Keller, Assistant Attorney General to Jim Mattox, gave a great speech on the need for disability advocacy in Texas.

Workshops on Housing (by Henry Neil of El Paso and Henneberger and Paup of Austin), on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (by Tom Morrison of the Regional HHS Office of Civil Rights) and AIDS as a Disability (by Glen Maxey of Austin) were well received. Those who attended said they had learned a lot.

CTD's Halloween party brought out the wildest array of disability rights supporters. Draculas, spider women, ghouls, southern belles, baby punks, witches, nuns, cat burglars, clowns and an image of agent orange were just a few examples of those in attendance. Several CTD party goers won valuable prizes at the hotel's Halloween contest too.

All but four of CTD's Founders participated in a nostalgic and thought provoking forum looking at CTD: What It Was...What It Is...What It Will Be.

The business of the Convention was also significant. New Officers and Board members were elected (see back cover for names and addresses). Over 20 resolutions were considered (summarized pp 8-10 in this issue), and two important bylaw changes were made (see article this page).

Next year's convention site was chosen...El Paso - October 21-23. Start saving your pennies now!

Finally, groups interested in hosting the 1989 Convention should start putting your proposals in now. Bids are already coming in...

## CTD Creates New Board Position Makes it Easier for Individual Members to Vote

Several important bylaws changes made at the 10th Annual Convention will have an impact on CTD's internal workings. The effects are in two areas. First, a new Board of Directors position was created: President-Elect. Starting at the 1988 Convention, CTD delegates will elect a President-Elect who will serve for one year and then automatically become President of CTD. 1988 will be the transition year and the last year delegates elect a CTD President. This change was made to encourage greater continuity in the Board leadership. The Vice-President will replace the President-Elect should something happen to the President-Elect or President.

The second change will allow 10 individual members of CTD, who are not delegates for any member organization, to caucus and elect one delegate and one alternative and cast one vote. Previously, in order to form such a caucus one had to have 10 individual members who were not members of any voting member organization.



CTD 1985-87 Treasurer Alan Meyer trying to choose from among the many gourmet flavors of CTD's Lollipops.



# 1987 CTD Award Winners

## Member Organization of the Year

United Cerebral Palsy of Texas won this year's CTD Member Organization of the Year Award. UCP-Texas has worked closely with CTD and other disability advocacy groups during the past legislative sessions on many issues including: In Home and Family Support, Attendant Services and funding for agencies and programs. Eager to share information from their national office and other sources, UCP-Texas has spoken out forcefully and supported the cross-disability approach. Their grassroots support has also been among CTD's strongest, with large groups of consumers attending workshops, hearings, rallies, CTD's Disabled Consumer Day and the Human Service Vigil at the Governor's Mansion.

## CTD Volunteer of the Year

Dan Garcia, CTD's Volunteer of the Year, works for KMOL in San Antonio as a newscaster and investigative reporter. He is also presenter of KMOL's consumer help line "Call Four". Mr. Garcia produced two PSAs for CTD and distributed them throughout the state. This effort greatly increased CTD's outreach and prompted numerous calls and letters.

In addition, Mr. Garcia has helped with several local projects as well. He not only did a week long series during deaf awareness week highlighting relevant programs and projects, but also encouraged KMOL to get a TDD. San Antonio Independent Living Services was the subject of another of his programs. His work with MHMR and Legal Aid are further examples of his community service.

## Public Servant of the Year

State Senator Bill Sarpalius' work to pass legislation to help deaf drivers won him this year's Public Servant of the Year Award. The legislation creates an identification system for law enforcement officials to recognize drivers with hearing impairments. Participation in the ID program is optional for hearing impaired persons, but will save lives. In the past numerous deaf people have been severely mistreated because police misunderstood their lack of response to orders given over a bull horn or spoken behind the driver. Senator Sarpalius, who was temporarily disabled in an accident earlier this year, drove down from Amarillo to the convention in Houston to personally accept his award.



Convention Planning Committee members Laurie Gerken (L) and Peg Nosek (R) smile with relief along with CTD Past-President Bob Kafka at the end of the three day event.

## Community Grassroots Organizing

Carole Carsey, long time disability rights activist in Dallas, was the winner of this year's Grassroots Organizing Award. Her successful efforts to make Dallas the first Texas city to adopt a policy of purchasing only lift equipped vehicles was cited as part of the reason for her nomination. Carsey was also instrumental in putting together last year's 504 march and rally in which over 300 people participated. Carole plans to see this event, complete with its booths, speakers and exhibits, become an annual event. Her work with the Dallas Center for Independent Living and the Association of the Disabled are further examples of her community activism and efforts to encourage disabled people to advocate for themselves and each other.

## Newsletter of the Year

(This year the Awards Committee divided this category into two divisions. "Typed and Xeroxed" is for smaller budget newsletters, while "Typset and Printed" is for newsletters produced on a larger budget.)

### ***Typed and Xeroxed***

For the second year in a row Independent Times took this award. The monthly newsletter of San Antonio Independent Living Services, Independent Times has a circulation of 500 and is edited by Maralyn Zinsmeyer. Although it is a consumer publication, it is used by San Antonio community leaders including the mayor.

### ***Typeset and Printed***

Disabled Ability Resource Environment. DARE. won the other newsletter of the year award. Published by the independent living center of the same name, DARE comes out on a quarterly basis, and has a cir-  
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# Medicaid Reform (S.B. 1673/H.B. 3454) Support for Community Living

Many Texans who are severely disabled do not have the option of choosing where and how they want to live. Instead, they are stuck in institutions, and forced to lead segregated lives. The problem is two-fold. First, in most communities there is an extreme lack of support services which are needed by many disabled people in order to live independently. Second, those services which are available are often very expensive and most people can not afford to pay for them. In spite of all this, many people believe that many of the people forced to live in institutions would greatly benefit from living in the community. This belief is growing stronger nationwide, especially in Texas, due to the media coverage of the conditions in many of our state institutions. In fact, the benefits of deinstitutionalization for persons who are mentally retarded have been extensively researched and documented in the famous Pennhurst Longitudinal Study. This study (conducted over a period of five years) looked at the effects of the transition of residents from the Pennhurst State School (located in Pennsylvania) to community living. This study concluded "on the average, the people deinstitutionalized under the Pennhurst court order are better off in every way (i.e., behavior development, quality of environment, impact on family, services rendered, etc...) measured, and seriously disabled individuals are appropriate for, and able to benefit from less segregated environments".

It is clear that many people would benefit from deinstitutionalization. The option of living in the community should be a viable and realistic one for severely disabled individuals.

The good news is that there is a federal piece of legislation that, if passed, could prove to be the light at the end of the tunnel. The "Medicaid Home and Community Quality Services Act of 1987" (S.B. 1673 / H.B. 3454) was introduced into the United States Congress last year.

This bill would allow Title XIX Medicaid dollars to pay for a wide range of community based support services. Historically, Title XIX funds (BILLIONS of dollars) have been poured into state institutions while very little is allocated by the federal government to community support services! It has been proven to be quite an unequitable system and has resulted in an institutional bias in the Medicaid program.

S.B. 1673 would not cut the amount of money flowing into institutions, but rather, put a "cap" on the amount of federal Medicaid dollars for which institutions would be eligible. This plan would create a system in which Title XIX funds would be more equitably distributed between institutions and community based services, and pay for more desperately needed support services (i.e. more attendant services, respite care, etc.).

There are still issues that need to be resolved regarding independent case management services, the role of the Protection and Advocacy agencies, and others. Some of



Independent living movement founder Ed Roberts (left) and friend Tony strategize for Karate demonstration.

C.T.D.'s concerns include: keeping the "grandfather" clause (which would allow disabled individuals past the age of twenty-two to be eligible for support services) in the bill, and specifically mentioning the involvement of the State Independent Living Councils in the bill.

If you would like additional information regarding this bill and what you can do about it contact the C.T.D. Central office.

## AIDS Disability Task Force

In Texas, an AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) Disability Task Force has been established. The purpose of this task force is to prevent the spread of AIDS, ARC (AIDS - Related Complex) and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) in the disabled community by providing basic information to persons with disabilities.

The Center for Disease Control reports that they have received several phone calls from people who are concerned about the fact that individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired have limited access to information about AIDS and how to prevent it. This is true for other disability groups as well. Until recently, AIDS educational information campaigns have not been targeted towards the disability community.

The AIDS Disability Task Force is currently working very closely with ASA (Aids Services of Austin) to develop a local cross-disability, community-based AIDS education model. It is hoped that such a model will be implemented statewide sometime in the future. The Task Force is also advocating for the need for the Texas Department of Health, hospitals, and other AIDS organizations and service providers, to begin to collect statistics on the number of disabled people who have AIDS. Such information will show whether or not certain disability groups are at higher risk than others and will prove an invaluable tool in planning AIDS education strategies.

If you would like to know more about the AIDS Disability Task Force contact C.T.D.



## President's Message

by Steve Johns



With the close of 1987 CTD completed its tenth year as a statewide disability advocacy organization speaking out for the rights of all Texans with disabilities. During its ten year existence, CTD has experienced tremendous change and significant growth. Today CTD maintains a status as a strong state disability organization with a diverse membership made up of individuals and organizations.

1988, perhaps more than any previous year, promises from the onset significant change which will test the strength of our organization. During the latter part of 1987, CTD executive director Jean Langendorf took a new career position in El Paso. While we all support the move for Jean, CTD feels a great loss because of the skills Jean brought to her directorship. Now in 1988 our current Executive Director, Stephanie Thomas has announced she will be leaving CTD to allow herself time to travel the United States. The efforts of Stephanie Thomas have significantly impacted CTD and she will be truly missed. We are currently beginning the search for a new Executive Director who will continue the implementation of CTD programs.

CTD has a ten year history. We have seen many changes and much growth during that time. Now more than ever disabled Texans need an active voice to speak out on our needs and our rights. Recently we were tested on a federal level when Justin Dart Jr. was forced to resign from his position as Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration. We all lost when Justin was forced to resign. We will be tested again on local, state and national levels. Without organized efforts for all people with disabilities we can expect to lose again. We are not here to let that happen. Get involved and bring others together for our common cause.

**ADVOCATES UNITE AND SPEAK OUT FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

## CTD Wins Transportation Victory in Court

A major legal victory for disabled people and the provision of equal public transportation services was won when a Federal district judge in Philadelphia overturned regulations set by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) that he said deprived disabled people of the right to have access to mass transportation. This suit was filed in June 1986 by American Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation (ADAPT) based in Denver and the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA). The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) also was a signer on the suit.

This decision struck down a provision that limits to three percent of its operating budget the amount of money a mass transit operator has to spend to provide transportation for persons with disabilities. This three percent cost cap had effectively denied disabled people equal access to public transportation services by establishing an arbitrary limit.

The judge's decision stated:

*"The Department of Transportation may be permitted to take the least expensive or most cost effective route toward providing services to their disabled patrons, but those services must in fact be provided. The cost limitation at issue here permits the burden of cost to eviscerate the civil right" (emphasis added).\**

This decision will have a major effect on the transit services provided by local transit systems in Texas. Frank Lozano, CTD Vice-President and ADAPT organizer in Dallas hailed the decision as a "message to transit systems that our civil rights will not have a dollar figure placed on them. Disabled people will no longer take being second class citizens. Our rights are not negotiable".

## Sad Day

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addition, Congressional members have called for a second oversight hearing to bring into focus the administrative and management problems within OSERS.

Consumers' and advocates' involvement has paid off, resulting in a full investigation of OSERS! But, we must stay on top of this issue to ensure that the administrative management problems that have plagued OSERS for some time now are not tolerated in the future.

For more information, contact the C.T.D. office or Representative Major Owens, who is chairing the Committee on Select Education at:

114 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3212  
202 / 225-6231



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

## National Seashore Seeks Public Comment on Plan for Physically and Mentally Impaired Accessibility

Padre Island National Seashore is seeking public input on how to improve its programs and facilities for accessibility to people with physical and mental impairments.

Interior Department regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that each area administered by the National Park Service prepare a self-evaluation of program and facility access. Padre Island National Seashore has done this in a 22 page draft evaluation plan now available for public comment. This document describes all of their buildings, facilities, and interpretive programs for visitors, and proposed methods of making them more accessible.

Public comment is needed to point out problems or changes needed before the final plan is prepared. Persons or organizations that would like to comment can obtain a copy of the draft by writing to: Max Hancock, Acting Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 9405 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418-5597, or by calling (512) 937-2621. Comments will be accepted through or should be post-marked by February 11, 1988.

## Magazine for Hearing Impaired

The Voice, a national publication, is still going strong in its fourth year. The magazine is geared toward hearing impaired individuals, families, friends and professionals.

Articles focus on human and psychological issues, as well as information about legislation, research, and the latest technological advancements in captioning and assistive devices.

With no organizational affiliations, the Voice is able to freely explore controversial topics and theories without endorsing any particular belief. Its philosophy is all information should be shared with the readers.

Subscription rate is \$10 annually for 10 issues. For those professionals who wish to order sets of 3 or more copies, the bulk rate is \$6 per subscription, providing issues are mailed to the same address. A sample issue may be ordered for \$2. For more information, call Paula Bartone or Linda Kelley at (214) 490-0860.

## Respite Conference

The Texas Respite Resource Network (TRRN) will sponsor a national conference on respite care at the Radisson Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, February 16-19, 1988. The conference, "Respite Care: The National Debate," will focus on respite care as an integral part of the family support system and will address many of the issues policymakers, service providers and families must face in their efforts to provide this support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the home and the community.

## Agency News

### Supportive Employment Grants Awarded

The Texas Commission for the Blind awarded three grants totaling over \$200,000 this fiscal year for supportive Employment services to Goodwill of San Antonio, Lighthouse for the Blind - Houston and the Texas School for the Blind.

The contracts will serve blind, deaf/blind and multi-handicapped blind individuals. For more information contact Keith Kitchens, (512) 459-2500.

### State Independent Living Council Appointed

Fifteen individuals were appointed to the newly created State Independent Living Council, twelve by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC) and three by the Texas Commission for the Blind (TCB).

The creation of a State Independent Living Council was mandated by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1986. Its purpose is to provide guidance for the development and expansion of independent living programs, provide guidance to TRC and TCB, and to prepare a five year plan on the goals for independent living services in our state.

There are twelve individuals with disabilities and three parents of children with disabilities on the council. Three CTD Board Members, Willie Mae Clay, Margaret Robinson and Kevin Tracy, were selected for the committee. The committee had their first organized meeting January 25th and 26th, at which they elected Dr. Tom Carter Chairperson, Charlotte Stewart Vice Chairperson and Kevin Tracy Parliamentarian.

## Mark Your Calendar Now!!

\*\*The 1988 Symposium on Deafness and Hearing Impairment, SYMPO '88, will be held in Austin, Texas on March 11-12th 1988 at the Driskell Hotel.

The symposium is designed to bring together deaf and hearing impaired individuals, advocates, parents, professionals, and other interested persons to form a legislative advocacy network in the state of Texas.

SYMPO '88 is a time for identifying and prioritizing needs, making recommendations for action, and developing a legislative platform for the upcoming 71st session. Hope you can make it.

\*\*The first National Conference of Commissions and Councils for the Deaf is scheduled for April 6-8th, 1988, in Austin, Texas at the Driskell Hotel. The conference will be held in Texas in honor of the Texas Commission for the Deaf which was the first Commission for the Deaf established in the United States! The conference workshops will focus on management training and professional development.

## Alamo Council of the Blind Hosts Convention

The Officers and members of the Alamo Council of the Blind are hosting the 1988 Convention of the American Council of the Blind of Texas and the Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of Texas, May 27, 28, and 29, 1988. The primary site for all business meetings and the exhibitions hall will be the Radisson Gunter Hotel, 205 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas. At this convention, skilled advice, and practical programs will be addressed. Information on all matters pertaining to services for blind or vision impaired persons will be discussed.

Cost for pre-registration and all meals is \$25.00. Late registration is \$30.00. There is no cost to register without the meals. Pre-registration at the Radisson Gunter Hotel is \$45.00 a room, single or double. To obtain a pre-registration form, please contact CMSgt, Jerome G. Wright, USAF Ret., at 254 Roesler Road, San Antonio, TX 78220, or at (512) 333-0172.



CTD held its second *Fun\*Run* in Dallas November 7th 1987. Co-Sponsored by the Dallas Area Rehabilitation Association, the event was a great success. CTD Dallas *Fun\*Run* organizers just before the big event began.



# RESOLUTIONS

## DA-87-A-1

Submitted by Rosemary Stapp

Subject: *Amendment of Section 38.31 - - Interpreters At Legal Proceedings.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD request the legislature to amend Section 38.31 of the Civil and Criminal Statute to read "such that while interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired need to be certified at the afore mentioned levels, the interpreter cannot be a relative or friend of the client".

Action: failed

## DA-87-A-2

Submitted by The Legislative Committee of CTD

Subject: *Higher Education Tuition Exemption.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD advocate to expand the Education Code, Section 54.205B to include other persons who are severely disabled.

Action: passed

## DA-87-A-3

Submitted by The Legislative Committee of CTD

Subject: *In Home Family Support. (HB1154)*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD advocate for: (1) the expansion of Section 2 of House Bill 1154 to be a state wide program within the Texas Department of Human Services that would serve those not eligible for MHMR services and (2) increase funding for all services outlined in House Bill 1154 and (3) cross disability involvement in all aspects of House Bill 1154.

Action: passed

## DA-87-A-4

Submitted by The Legislative Committee of CTD

Subject: *Civil Rights Law.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD advocate for a comprehensive law requiring equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities with broad coverage for setting clear, consistent, and enforceable standards prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap.

Action: passed

## DA-87-A-5

Submitted by Dallas Area Advocates

Subject: *Establishment of State Health Insurance Pool.*

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that CTD support the creation of a high risk health insurance pool for the state of Texas.

Action: passed

## AC-87-A-6

Submitted by: Bob Kafka

Subject: *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1987.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD develop a legislative strategy to promote the passage of the "American's with Disabilities Act of 1987" and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTD work with its member organizations to develop a grassroots network of support for the act.

Action: passed

## DA-87-B-1

Submitted by Boyce Gene Baker

Subject: *District and Area Representatives.*

(WHEREAS by dividing the state of Texas into numerous districts and asking a responsible person to represent CTD at open meetings of state agencies and social and civic activities,)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution will help CTD become more organized and efficient and more effective in achieving its goals.

Action: tabled

## DA-87-D-1

Submitted by Norah Schwartz

Subject: *AIDS Discrimination.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD advocate for (1) laws prohibiting discrimination against persons with AIDS and human immunodeficiency virus and (2) for community education on AIDS for persons with disabilities.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-2

Submitted by Jackie Mason

Subject: *Disabled Drivers Resolution.*

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities contact the Department of Public Safety and work on eliminating the practice.

Action: passed



# RESOLUTIONS

## DA-87-D-3

Submitted by El Paso Center of the Deaf

Subject: *Amplifiers for Public Phones.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all public places install telephone devices for the deaf on their public phones.

Action: tabled for clarification

## DA-87-D-4

Submitted by El Paso Council / Texas Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities

Subject: *Transition Services Specifically Designed for the Learning Disabled.*

(WHEREAS it should be legislatively mandated that the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education allow youth with learning disabilities to receive academic credit toward vocational and life skills classes instead of academic requirements no so difficult and sometimes impossible for the student with learning disabilities to meet.)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD support the effort of TACALD on this issue.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-5

Submitted by Rita Webber

Subject: *Transitional Post-Secondary Services.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD support transition services for individuals who are learning disabled.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-6

Submitted by Rosemary Stapp

Subject: *Message Relay.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD should work with the appropriate entities to establish and fund a state-wide message relay system to serve deaf, hearing impaired, and speech impaired persons.

Action: passed on intent to clarify

## DA-87-D-7

Submitted by Rosemary Stapp

Sympo Committee, 1988

Subject: *Needs of Individuals Who Are Hearing Impaired Residing in Nursing Homes.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD actively advocate for nursing homes to train staff members regarding their communicative needs and other needs of deaf and hearing impaired residents and to advocate for the hiring of qualified staff in regards to the needs of deaf and hearing impaired individuals.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-8

Submitted by Rosemary Stapp

Travis County Council for the Deaf

Subject: *Increased Funding for Deaf Councils.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD actively support more funding for the councils for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-9

Submitted by the Alamo Council of the Blind

Subject: *Increased Certification Requirements of Teachers and Consultants Serving the Disabled Population.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD form a committee to Contact the Texas Education Agency and universities throughout the state to recommend that students majoring in education, counseling, or social work be required to interview or associate with at least three to five professional disabled adults.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-10

Submitted by The Legislative Committee, CTD

Subject: *Accessibility to Health Care Facilities.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD work with its membership to advocate for improved access to health care facilities and, to the greatest extent possible, coordinate efforts with the Office for Civil Rights Compliance Review and similar opportunities for advocacy.

Action: passed

## DA-87-D-11

Submitted by The Deaf-Blind Multi-Handicapped Association of Texas

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CTD conference attendees came from across Texas for this event. Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, Austin, Dallas and even Arkansas were represented.

## Resolutions (continued)

Subject: *Individual Transition Plan (ITP) As Part of the Individual Education Plan (IEP).*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD advocate for the inclusion of the ITP within the IEP with the Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas legislature and CTD continue to be actively involved in the SCR123 Transitions Services Task Force.

Action: passed

### DA-87-D-12

Submitted by The Deaf-Blind Multi-Handicapped Association of Texas

Subject: *Call for Reversal of UTD Decision Regarding Special Ed. Teachers' Training.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD write a letter of deep concern to the University of Texas Board of Regents regarding the unconscionable decision of UTD and urging the Board to support the reinstatement of these much-needed special education teacher training programs.

Action: passed

### AC-87-D-13

Submitted by: United Cerebral Palsy of Texas

Subject: *Transitional Services.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities work with United Cerebral Palsy of Texas and other state-wide organizations transitional services system that can adequately ad-

dress the needs of and provide services for, those with physical and mental disabilities and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTD make this position known to the Commissioners of Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority, Texas Education Agency, Department of Human Services, Department of Health and the Executive Directors of the Texas Commission for the Blind and Texas Commission for the Deaf and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTD also make this position known to the SCR 129 / 135 and SCR 123 committees.

Action: passed

### DA-87-D-14

Submitted by Willie Mae Clay

Subject: *Voter Registration.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD support and encourage a statewide voter registration campaign And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTD encourage registered voters to cast their votes in the 1988 primaries and national elections And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTD encourage voters with disabilities to demonstrate their political strength by voting absentee in mass gatherings during 1988 primaries.

Action: passed

### DA-87-D-15

Submitted by Margaret Robinson and Willie Mae Clay

Subject: *Disabled People Representing Themselves.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD reaffirm it's commitment to advocate for representation of people with disabilities on the various boards, committees, councils, etc.

Action: passed

### A-87-G-1

Submitted by Ralph D. Rousse, Jr.

Subject: *Civil Rights Training for Individuals with Disabilities.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD will approach the commissioner of RSA with a request that RSA develop and initiate a program to provide civil rights training to disabled individuals throughout the country, including the state of Texas, and that such be done as a joint effort between the RSA, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education, and the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Action: passed



## New Member Organizations

### Dallas Area Rehabilitation Association

9713 Harry Hines Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas 75220  
214 / 358-8409  
817 / 261-0825  
Contact: *Charles Armstrong, President*  
*Ms. Hoffman, Treasurer*  
Local Associate

### Texas Head Injury Foundation -

#### El Paso Chapter

5211 Cornell  
El Paso, Texas 79924  
915 / 757-0253  
Contact: *Clint Smith, President*  
Local Associate

### Texas School for the Deaf -

#### Alumni Association

1102 South Congress  
Austin, Texas 78704  
512 / 444-2000  
Contact: *Jerry Hassell*  
Local Consumer

### Texas Head Injury Foundation - North Central Chapter

617 7th Avenue, Suite 408  
Fort Worth, Texas 76104  
817 / 877-3959 day  
817 / 834-2034 evenings  
Contact: *George Bolden, President*  
*or Brenda Seawell, Exec. Vice President*  
Local Consumer

### Southeast Texas Chapter - National MS Society

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### CTD Awards

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ulation of 1500. Not only do staff and consumers of DARE write for this newsletter but representatives of other agencies and programs are solicited for material. Based in the city of El Paso, articles for this newsletter are occasionally written in Spanish.

### Justin W. Dart Meritorious Award

The 1987 Justin W. Dart Meritorious Award was presented to Bob Kafka, CTD Past President, for his untiring advocacy for Texans with disabilities. Kafka has been involved with CTD since its beginning, serving as board member, VISTA and volunteer at various points. Kafka has also worked to develop other disability consumer groups including: the Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association, the Coalition for Barrier Free Living, ADAPT of Texas, and Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association. He also helped create the E-Z-J Ranch, a summer camp based on independent living philosophies. In the past few years Kafka has become a strong legislative advocate for CTD and disabled people in general, promoting funding for disability programs, involvement of disabled consumers in the process of government and legislation to ensure the civil rights of disabled Texans.



Conference organizers Vicki Harris and Van Gunn smile as Vicki is selected a CTD Board Member.



# JOIN CTD—The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to cross disability communication, cooperation and coordination. The Coalition promotes social, educational, 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 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

### Individual Member

- ☐ Yearly \$12.00  
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- ☐ Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ organizational memberships forms  
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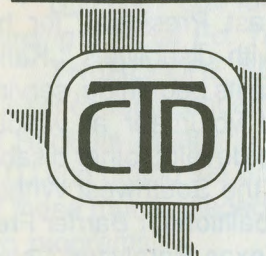
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