

## 2ND Annual Barbara Jordan Awards Held In Austin

by Judy Wingard-Westbrook  
and Steve Currier



Media representatives in seven categories of print, radio, television, film, advertising and public relations were honored at the second annual Barbara Jordan Communications Awards Banquet on June 22nd at the Austin Hyatt Regency Hotel. This fete was sponsored by the Texas Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons (TGCDP) to spotlight outstanding contributions to the public understanding of the ability, concerns and needs of disabled persons.

Governor Mark White was invited to present the awards preceded by a special message from awards namesake Barbara Jordan. Other speakers included Councilwoman Sally Shipman, Commissioner Vernon M. Arrell of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission and former Austin Mayor Carole Keeton Rylander.

Approximately 300 persons attended the award banquet. In addition to the awards ceremony, a media conference was held featuring workshops, a panel and interviewing facilities for media representatives with courtesy video and audio taping which was attended by about 200 persons.

Bobby C. Simpson, TGCDP chairperson, announced the following winning categories: 1) Television Public Service Announcement—Public Address, Inc. of Austin; 2) Television Documentary—Desperado Productions of Lubbock; 3) Television Entertainment—Mark Taper Forum Productions ("Tell Them I'm a Mermaid"); 4) Television News Feature—Dennis Johnson of WFAA (Channel 8) in Dallas; 5) Audio/Visual—Job Lead, Inc. of San Antonio; 6) Radio Public Affairs Programming—KUT-FM (Soundsight) of Austin; 7) Public Relations—San Antonio Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and San Antonio Handicapped Access Office; 8) Print Feature Article—Glenna Whitley of the *Dallas Morning News*; 9) Print Advertising—GSD&M Advertising of Austin; 10) Special Contributions Individual—Cindy Cochran, PBS ("Signing with Cindy") of Houston; and 11) Special Contributions Organization—City of San Antonio Handicapped Access Office. The above individuals and groups received Barbara Jordan Medallions.

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## Local Entities Mandated To Comply With Section 504

By Marshall Mitchell

The federal courts ordered the Office of Revenue Sharing (ORS) to release the implementing regulations for Section 504 for that department.

The suit leading to the decision was filed by the Paralyzed Veterans of America in an attempt to free-up the four year old regulations. The ORS regulations were ready for publication in the spring of 1981 but their release was halted by President Reagan shortly after he took office.

All county and city governments that receive Revenue Sharing money must make all of their programs accessible to disabled citizens by October 1986. The law requiring such action was enacted in 1976.

The first task to be done is a self-evaluation followed closely by compiling a transition plan. Both must be completed by October, 1984.

According to an employee of the Office of Revenue Sharing at a recent workshop for local government officials in Lubbock, all local governments receiving revenue sharing funds must complete the following eight steps in order to comply with the newly released regulations:

- (1) Designate a PROGRAM COORDINATOR.
- (2) Distribute a PUBLIC NOTICE. It must be published in the local newspaper, made available in a useable medium for the visually-impaired and include the names of the coordinator and the plans and efforts to comply with the regulations.
- (3) Establish a GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE for handling complaints.
- (4) Conduct a SELF-EVALUATION. It must examine existing policy and practice concerning employment of disabled citizens, program accessibility, policy and practice of service delivery and contract procedures. It must also include STRUCTURAL and NON-STRUCTURAL changes to be made. In this evaluation the problems must be identified and prioritized with their proposed solutions included.
- (5) Develop a TRANSITION PLAN. This plan must include a clear statement of all physical barriers to program accessibility, proposed means to eliminate those barriers and the planned dates of completions of all renovations.
- (6) Distribute CONTINUAL NOTICES.
- (7) Provide AUXILIARY AIDS on request. This includes such aids as sign-language interpreters and TTY's

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# Presidential Primaries: Are They Fair?

By Carli Scales

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The organization of American political primaries is complex and difficult to understand. In Texas, candidates are given delegates to the national convention by means of local and regional caucuses as opposed to a direct binding vote.

To the voter, this means inconvenience, lack of secret ballot, and two trips to the polls.

This past election, the voters were asked to vote once sometime during the day for state and local offices. At that time, they were registered as to party affiliation. Then they were asked to return to the polls at 7:15 pm to make their presidential choice.

Although the caucus is the same for both parties, the democrats had more to lose with the system for this election.

They had to choose between three candidates.

After signing a list for the candidate of choice, the voter goes to the corner of the room designated for his candidate. If 15% of the precincts' registered voters show up to represent one candidate, then delegates and alternates are chosen. If 15% aren't present, the ones who did show are asked to make a second choice and move to another candidate's area.

For most precincts where politics is an every four year event, the caucus is handled in an amateurish and uninformed manner.

The delegates are not bound to their vote even after being chosen to represent the voters present at the caucus. The delegates do not represent the popular vote. They represent only those who were able to attend the 7:15 pm meeting.

The people with the most to lose with this primary system are the people who most need a voice on the Federal level: the elderly, disabled, poor, rural, and minority citizens. Because of transportation and work schedules, some people were unable to vote. The complexity of the system confuses many people and restricts their participation in the process.

Rural voters are less likely to make the return trip for delegate selections. As a result, few rural areas even had delegate caucuses.

According to law, any registered voter may declare a caucus, but must be aware of the laws governing the procedure. This protects the system from legal actions in rural areas where caucuses didn't occur.

In areas where politics is an every-day-of-the-year affair, the "neighborhood" caucus is almost a necessary tool for the party bosses to control the nomination of candidates. In Texas, the popular binding vote holds more merit especially because of the heavy rural vote.

The binding proportional primary system, where the candidates are included on the ballot, is not without its drawbacks. The big money candidates who can afford media campaigns and expensive voter drives often gather more votes than the lesser known and financially dependent candidates.

Influence buying is a possibility even with safeguard laws passed to limit private donations to candidates.

Also in the past, the party in control has crossed over and voted for the "dark horse" candidate of the

opposite party, misleading the electoral statistics and giving their candidate an edge at the national convention.

Even with drawbacks, the direct vote is more convenient for the voters, ensures voter privacy, and better reflects the true status of the candidates, when not abused.

In the binding proportional system, delegates will still be chosen to represent the voters, but more people will have a say in how many delegates are appointed and the voter will not have to attend the delegates' caucus unless they want to be a delegate.

Like many parts of the electoral system, the present caucus system is outdated. During our political infancy, it was a necessary part of the pre-electronic era. It does not represent the informed voter. Improved mass communication has made the public aware of the issues and should give the people a direct vote.

We need to change the primary system in Texas. The fairest system is the binding proportional presidential primary system.

With the binding proportional system, you would be able to vote for president on the ballot. The proportion of voters would determine the number of delegates, making the second trip to the polls unnecessary.

The change must be made through the Texas legislature.

At this time it is very important to write your senator and representatives. Tell them how you, as a disabled-but-ABLE voter, feel about the unfair primary caucus system and ask for a change.

## CTD Commended For Testimony

By Steve Currier

On May 1, 1984, the Texas Department of Human Resources held one of its public budget hearings for the 1986-87 legislative Appropriations Request. CTD Board member, Judy Wingard-Westbrook and CTD VISTA, Dave DiElsi, testified on behalf of the organization and produced some positive results from TDHR Chairman J. Livingston Kosberg. In a letter to Judy Wingard-Westbrook, Mr. Kosberg states, "In response to your testimony and that of other citizens, the Board has directed that staff include funds, in the

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## CTD's Editor's Note:

The CTD Newsletter is edited and published quarterly by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, a state-wide cross disability consumer group. Any member who wishes to submit future articles for publication should send them to:

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The following are publication dates and deadlines for submitting articles:

October 15th newsletter . . . . . August 24, 1984

## VISTA UPDATE

By Jean Langendorf

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' VISTA grant application (April 84 to April 85) was approved in early May. Although we have been approved for 30 VISTA positions, funds were only allocated for 15 VISTA volunteers. President Reagan has signed into law the bill (S. 1129) that reauthorizes the VISTA program for three years with an increase in the number of volunteers over the next three years.

Passage of S. 1129 is a great victory and lays the basis for VISTA's revitalization in 1985 and 1986. However, unless VISTA receives additional money in FY 84, the program will be cut in half (an effect already felt here at CTD) before this revival can begin. VISTA supporters need to urge their members in Congress to support a \$3 to \$5 million supplemental for FY 84, bringing VISTA closer to its authorized level and preventing the volunteer ranks from being cut in half.

CTD is hopeful that more funds will become available and has asked any member organization that is interested in being considered as a volunteer station to submit an application.

Recently joining the other VISTA volunteers at member organizations throughout the state are: Nancy Crowther with Austin Resource Center for Independent Living, Judy Ziegler with Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association, Carole Borden and Sister Theresa Finnerty with San Antonio Citizens Concerned About Handicapism, and Dave DiElsi with the CTD Central Office. They joined the CTD VISTA volunteers in an in-service training in Austin in conjunction with the Texas Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons' Media Conference and Barbara Jordan Awards Banquet and the National Council on the Handicapped's Special Forum. With these inspiring events and the goals set at the training, we can all look forward to much activity in the year ahead.

## CTD Hires New Executive Director

By Steve Currier



The first thing you notice about Jean Langendorf is her style in dealing with people. She comes across as a personable and interested individual. Her professionalism becomes apparent when she works on a specific project.

For those of you who feel you need to know more about her, Jean comes to us with an Associates of Arts and soon-to-be-awarded Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She has conducted workshops, seminars, and short courses in property management, grantsmanship, neighborhood organizing, and staff management. While she was a VISTA, she organized neighborhood groups in low income communities. She was the assistant director and then executive director for the Neighborhood Development and Conservation Center in Oklahoma.

## President's Column

By Marshall Mitchell

Important things are happening on the federal, state, and local levels. All of which you should be actively involved in.

On the federal level, the Office of Management and Budget has issued final regulations governing lobbying by voluntary organizations that receive federal grants and contracts. That includes all five Centers for Independent Living in Texas, CTD, and many other state and local consumer organizations. Basically, this means that recipients of these funds will be extremely restricted in their efforts to influence legislators in support of issues which will benefit disabled Texans. Our primary channel for changing society to allow disabled individuals to be productive, independent citizens is the legislature.

For example, when the administration attempted to water-down the section 504 and P.L. 94-142 regulations, their plan was aborted because of a national outcry by disabled consumer groups and organizations. An article appears elsewhere in this newsletter explaining these restrictive regulations.

On the state level, the Sunset Commission will be reviewing the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Texas Commission for the Blind, and the Texas Commission for the Deaf in the next few months. The services that these agencies provide are necessary to improve the lifestyle of many disabled persons in Texas. Although these services have improved the quality of life for many disabled citizens, better services can be initiated by these agencies. It is hoped that individual disabled consumer and disabled consumer organizations will make their comments, recommendations, and/or letters of support to the Sunset Commission.

On the local level, almost every county and city government receives Revenue Sharing Funds which means that they all must comply with the new office of Revenue Sharing Section 504 regulations. Disabled individuals can become involved in the required self-evaluation process by contacting your County Judge or Mayor to offer your input. Compliance with these Federal regulations is essential under these requirements, basic access is up to them, quality access is up to you!

On the organizational level, start preparing for the 1984 Delegate Assembly which will be in Austin at the Wyndham South Park Hotel on October 12-14, 1984. The theme of this year's delegate assembly is "Advocacy in the Action." Secondly, our nominating committee was selected at the last Board meeting. All nominations for the Board or officers should be submitted to the committee chairperson—Lee Kitchens at (713) 490-3508

During her experience at that facility she supervised staff, developed proposals and fund raising activities, advocated for the development of new programs to meet neighborhood needs, prepared the organization's newsletter and coordinated fiscal operations.

CTD is pleased to welcome such a talented individual as Jean to its operation.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

## San Antonio News By Larry Johnson

St. Philip's Handicapped Students Services program reported that they are acquiring the latest technology for their Visually Impaired Program (VIP). They will be obtaining an Apple 2E with braille and speech output for use in training students in data processing and Health Career fields. This will be the third consecutive summer that St. Philip's is offering a special program for Visually Impaired Students.

San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) has been contracted by the San Antonio Council for Advancement of Services for the Deaf (SACSD) to provide interpreter coordination services for the city of San Antonio. Carole Borden, VISTA volunteer, has been designated as contact person for this project. Their number is (512) 226-0054 (voice or TTY).

## VOTE ELECTION '84

### JORDAN AWARDS—continued from page 1

Mr. Simpson also announced the following recipients of certificates of recognition: 1) Print News Article—James Pinderton, reporter with the *Austin American Statesman* and 2) Employment of Disabled Media Professionals—Dian Cox Leighton, Director of Fair Project, a state wide network of support groups for persons encountering mental health problems.

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for the hearing-impaired, and printed material on tape, in large-print, or in braille for the visually-impaired.

(8) Keep RECORDS of all procedures for three years.

The key parts of these requirements are the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. All non-structural barriers must be removed by October, 1984 and all structural barriers by October 1986. Another suggestion made at this workshop was to involve disabled persons from the beginning of the process.

There are 254 counties and approximately 1200 municipalities in Texas. Most of these governments have valuable programs from which disabled citizens are excluded due to inaccessibility. Now ALL of these programs that receive revenue sharing funds must be made accessible. We can make an enormous difference for disabled Texans all over the state, if we get involved!

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Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 1986-87, for a pilot project on shared attendant care for disabled, employable adults. The Department also will offer skilled nursing facility care for persons under age 21 with multiple disabilities."

Many thanks to Judy, Dave, and all of those individuals who testified at the TDHR hearings on behalf of disabled persons.

## Lighthouse Director Appointed To AFB National Committee

By Luz Taboada

Bill Winkley, Executive Director of the El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind for the past ten years, has been named to the National Advisory Committee on the Working Years by the American Foundation for the Blind, Inc. The American Foundation for the Blind, Inc. is the largest consultative organization serving agencies and individuals interested in the field of services to the blind. Headquartered in New York City, the American Foundation has regional offices throughout the United States.

The National Advisory Committee on the Working Years has eighteen members from throughout the nation. Members are selected on the basis of their outstanding contributions to the field of services to the blind in their particular area. Mr. Winkley attended his first committee meeting in New York on March 28-29, 1984.



*CTD Board Member Larry Johnson shakes the hand of Angela Haynes, Valedictorian of the 1984 graduating class from the Texas School for the Blind after presenting the Keynote Address.*

## TACLD

### Beginning The Third Decade

By Patricia Allred

The Texas Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (TACLD) will be holding its 20th Annual TACLD conference and celebrating the beginning of a third decade on October 3-5, 1984 at the McAllen Civic Center in McAllen, Texas. If you would like more information about the conference contact LaNelle Gallagher at 2117 Flat Creek, Richardson, Texas 75080 or the TACLD State Office at 1011 West 31st Street, Austin, Texas 78705, phone 512-458-8234.

## GCDP Annual Recognition Awards By Steve Currier

The Texas Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons (GCDP) has designated six award categories for the purpose of annually recognizing an outstanding person with a disability and those who have contributed to the successful employment or employability of persons with disabilities.

Beginning July 13, the Recognition and Awards subcommittee for the Governor's Committee will review nominations for the following award categories:

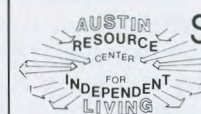
1. Handicapped Person of the Year
2. Employer of the Year (two awards)
  - a) Over 200 employees
  - b) Less than 200 employees
3. Governor's Citation for Meritorious Service
4. Physician of the Year
5. Public Personnel Award
6. Governmental Agency of the Year

This year, the awards will be presented to the outstanding nominee in each category at the Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons General Meeting in the fall.

If you would like to know more about these awards, contact:

John Burns  
Staff Coordinator for Recognition and Awards  
Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons  
118 East Riverside Drive  
Austin, Texas 78704  
(512) 445-8276

**CTD 7th Annual Delegate Assembly "Advocacy in Action" October 12-14, 1984 Wyndham Southpark Hotel IH35 & E. Ben White Blvd.**



## Shared Attendant Program Opens Doors

By Stephanie Thomas Pat Pound

A new shared attendant program opened its doors in July under the auspices of the Austin Resource Center for Independent Living (ARCIL). This program is modeled after the Independent Lifestyles program in Houston by providing 24 hour attendant care services to six disabled persons living in a cluster of private apartments.

This particular program is unique because the operation of the program has been and will continue to be based upon the cooperation of an interagency agreement between the Austin Housing Authority (AHA), the Texas Department of Human Resources (TDHR), and ARCIL. The Austin Housing Authority has provided six accessible one-bedroom apartments under their public housing division which will be subsidized and will require the tenants to pay only 30% of their income for rent. In addition, ARCIL will be renting an apartment from AHA for an office to allow the attendants a base to work from.

After almost a year of negotiation between ARCIL and TDHR, the Department of Human Resources, Region Six, contracted to ARCIL funds from the Special Services to the Handicapped category under Title XX to provide attendant care to six eligible clients under TDHR criteria on a 24 hour basis. This care will be split up between three eight hour shifts with an attendant on the premises at all times.

As soon as the clients move in and the program begins its day-to-day operations, ARCIL will be holding an Open House to celebrate and to congratulate those agencies and individuals instrumental in getting the program off the ground.

Unfortunately, ARCIL interviewed many individuals for the program who can not be served because of the program's limited size. As a result, more programs across the state and the nation must be developed to provide various options for attendant care and living within the community. Many housing authorities have the opportunity to apply for funds through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renovate apartments which can include accessibility features. If enough interested persons approach their housing authority, they might get approval to develop a cluster of accessible apartments so that shared attendant programs, as mentioned above, can be implemented. At this time options are also being explored by the Department of Human Resources to make more funds available across the state for shared attendant services.

For those interested in starting a similar program in their area, contact either ARCIL at (512) 473-2684 or their local TDHR for more information.

## SWAA Wheelchair Athletes May Go To Olympics

By Bob Kafka

Two Texas disabled wheelchair athletes, Randy Snow of Arlington, Texas and Stacie Norman of Spring, Texas have been selected to compete for a berth in the finals of the 800 meter women, 1500 meter men track competitions at the XXIIIrd Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The finals of these two historic races will be held on Saturday, August 11, 1984 at the Los Angeles Coliseum at 9:30 a.m. with eight wheelchair athletes competing in each event.

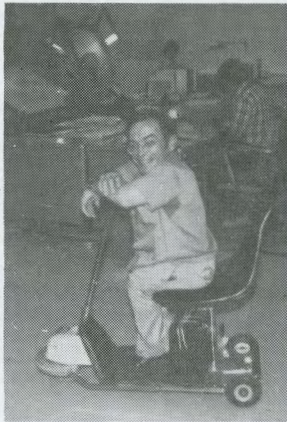
This is the first time wheelchair athletes have been represented in the Olympic Games and represent another milestone for athletes with physical disabilities in their decade long battle for recognition.

Randy and Stacie have an excellent opportunity to, not only proudly represent the United States, but Texas. They are presently working out daily with their track coach Judy Einbinder at the University of Houston-Central Campus hoping for an opportunity to go to L.A. Randy and Stacie are members of the "Lone Stars", a wheelchair sports club.

# Me And My Amigo

By Lee Kitchens

As some of you know, I am four feet tall and have recently used two canes to walk with. My job at Texas Instruments (TI) required much walking and it was beginning to get to me. I then discovered a neat gadget (a motorized scooter with a rotating seat) called an Amigo and showed the ad immediately to one of TI's Vice Presidents who instructed me to order one. Now I am not exhausted at the end of the day from walking long distances.



TI expanded into three buildings in Lubbock where I worked and I didn't have my Amigo for those other two buildings. Low and behold I discovered a lift which would pick up the Amigo and put it in the trunk of my car. Now I am totally mobile and going everywhere.

But the annual Little People of America convention in Boston threatened to leave me stranded for eight days without my Amigo—it was almost more than I could comprehend! I took it with me and it was neat! I rode from my car in the parking lot through the airport and down the jet way to the door of the airplane. I walked on the airplane and the baggage handlers carried the Amigo down the stairs to the baggage compartment. When I arrived in Boston, the Amigo was waiting for me at the door of the airplane—first class service!

Cab drivers are usually most willing to put the Amigo in their trunk, after I show them how to take off the seat and handlebars.

This year I was required to travel to the Far East. Guess what? Me and my Amigo again! I traveled from Houston to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Hawaii, Malaysia, Manila, Bagio City, Tokyo, and back to Houston. I never had to walk more than a few steps and had no hassles with any airline about the Amigo. Now I feel free to go anywhere in the world, but never without my Amigo.

So don't be timid, go where you want, when you want!

## CTD Membership Dues Due

For those organizations and individuals who have not paid their 1984 CTD membership dues, they are due! Not sure if your dues are up to date? Call the CTD central office and find out. If you haven't been a recent CTD member, now is a good time to join. Remember, if you pay your dues between the August CTD Board meeting and the fall Delegate Assembly, you become a member until the 1985 Delegate Assembly. Individual and organizational membership dues must be paid by the fall Delegate Assembly in order to have voting rights. Be a part of the strong statewide coalition of people who care about the disabled. Join CTD today!

# Job Accommodation Network

By Steve Currier



The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has initiated a program entitled Job Accommodation Network (JAN) on a nationwide basis. The network brings together information from many sources about practical steps employers have been taking to make accommodations for functional limitations of employees and applicants with disabilities.

JAN is a data base containing specific information about how individual tasks can be done by persons with limitations. The organization enables employers to discuss with other employers accommodations which proved successful in specific instances.

With a call to 1-800-JAN-PCEH employers are put in touch with Human Factors Engineer that clarifies specific concerns. The computer will then be asked to give you information based on these facts: the functional requirements of the specific job; the functional limitations of the worker; environmental factors and other pertinent business operations information.

The computer will print out a brief abstract for each accommodation it finds on its data bank of "close-to-matching" situations. Included will be name, address, and telephone number of the company representative who can answer further questions.

There is no cost for this service. Simply a commitment that employers who participate will provide information about accommodations they have made or those that will be made after becoming part of the network.

Each employer that joins is sent a supply of easy-to-complete input data forms. These are fed into JAN and made available to other employers as the need arises.

For more information about the Job Accommodation Network contact: JAN—President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped P.O. Box 468 Morgantown, WV 26505 (1-800-JAN-PCEH)

## ACCD—Beginning The 2nd Decade

By Marshall Mitchell

The American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities held its tenth annual Delegate Council Assembly May 30—June 2, 1984. This year's DCA was my first and I came away feeling a great sense of potential for disabled Americans through ACCD and a realization of a great deal of work to be done.

Some productive business was conducted during the three day convention. The DCA passed 14 resolutions. The following is a summarized list of the most important ones:

84-02 To encourage Congress to increase the funds for new Centers for Independent Living.

84-03 To encourage Congress to pass a bill outlawing the primary caucus system for selecting delegates to national political conventions.

84-04 To encourage Congress to establish National Health Insurance.

84-09 To encourage Congress to pass the bill now before them which will increase the asset level for qualifying for SSI.

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# Join CTD

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, Texas 78765

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated percentage of members with disabilities \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Governing Board \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

### FOUR CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP 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 Organizational 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 \$25.00 annually for local and \$50.00 annually for state.

**Individual Members** are persons wishing to support the work of CTD. Dues are \$5.00 annually.

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## Newsletter Available On Tape

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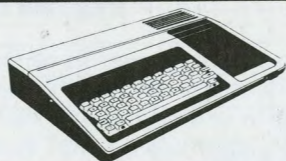
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## Technology and You...



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Computer has become quite popular with all segments of the population. Hence, the editors have asked CTD's own Board member, a resident expert on computers, to write this article in relationship to how the computer can be used by the disabled population.

By Lee Kitchens

The advent of the low cost home or personal computer has opened many new doors to the disabled. There are many small firms making special adaptations for different disabilities and several pieces of equipment already exist to make computer use more adaptable to the disabled. These items allow speech input, speech output, large print output, and joy stick input (a way to communicate with the computer through a device similar to the control found on a motorized wheelchair).

Computer clubs and user groups are great resources for novice computer users including the disabled. If you want more information about

the computer or assistance in working with the computer, contact your nearest computer club. They often list their meeting time and place in local newspapers. You will find a very congenial group of people more than willing to help you in anything from selecting a computer to creating special software for your unique needs.

Try it, you'll like it!

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For a complete list, write the ACCD office at 1200 15th Street N. W. Suite 201, Washington, D.C. 20005.

While you're writing the office, send your annual \$15 dues and join ACCD. Also, encourage your local organizations to join. If your organization is a member of CTD, it can join ACCD and have one vote at next year's DCA. If all of CTD's member organizations joined, we could have a strong voice at the next DCA. It will be in Little Rock, Arkansas. Because of its closeness to Texas, we should stack the deck. Look for more details later.

Join ACCD! Be involved at the national level!!

**1.2 MILLION TEXANS  
DISABLED BUT ABLE  
TO VOTE**

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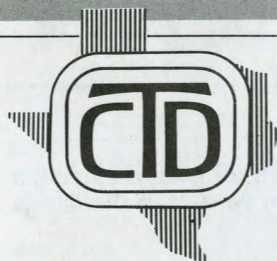
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