



WELCOME CHANGE PRODUCTIONS

Leading social change by revealing the big stories hidden in the human heart.

What's happening at [Welcome Change](#) this month.....

ONLY 6 MORE DAYS TO DONATE!

To reach our goal, we still need \$1,305!



\$2,195 pledged of \$3,500 goal

We're more than half way there, [but we need your help to send Diana to Uzbekistan!](#)

FAQ About Your Donation:

CAN I RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION?

Yes! We work with a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible (minus the value of the gifts you receive). Just let me know. info@welcomechange.org

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO UZBEKISTAN?

When I started raising money we were scheduled to leave November 14th. The Embassy has postponed our trip until February or March. (The warm season:)

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN UZBEKISTAN?

We will be screening Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy our award winning, PBS documentary film. We will also be meeting with disability groups, people interested in documentary film, and people interested in furthering the rights of people with disabilities.

[Become a fan](#) of Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on Facebook!



[Follow](#) Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy on Twitter!

Happy Halloween from the Collector of Bedford Street!



Larry Selman fundraising in his halloween attire

Keep up with Larry and see his latest fundraising totals, [follow](#) him on twitter!

CAN YOU EXCEED THE GOAL?

YES! Kickstarter will allow as much money as is given before the deadline. If we exceed our goal it will go to long underwear for Diana!

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/972141640/alice-and-dianas-awesome-adventure-to-uzbekistan>

Thanks so much to everyone who has donated so far!

Body & Soul Screening in Prague & Moscow!

Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy will screen this month at the Normal Festival in Prague, Czech Republic on November 18th! To read more about the festival, [CLICK HERE](#)

AND

Breaking Down Barriers: Disability Film Festival in Moscow, Russia! To read more about the festival, [CLICK HERE](#)

Give the Perfect Gift(s) this Holiday Season!



[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase [Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase [The Collector of Bedford Street](#)

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered 2011 Conference

Be the next state to host the next self advocacy conference!

The Twitter logo is displayed in its characteristic blue, lowercase font within a white rectangular box.

As of October...

\$1,900 for Autism

\$200 for MS

Amazing!

[Join](#) Larry's fanclub
on Facebook!

SABE's bid packet is now available both at

<http://sabeusa.org>. If your state is interested in hosting SABE's National Self Advocacy Conference in 2012, check out the bid packet to see what it takes!

The bid packet can be downloaded directly by clicking [here](#).

One World Everybody Eats Update

A message from Denise Ceretta from Rome:

Dear Friends,

Our first annual One World Everybody Eats Challenge was a success! We had over 35 participants from 2 countries, the USA and Greece, reaching our goal of making our first effort a truly International event.

Being in Rome for The World Summit on Food Security and World Food Day was a great experience. The Summit has started a campaign called- [1Billion Hungry and I am Mad as Hell](#).

So far, the goal made at the 1996 summit to half the number of hungry in the world by 50% in 2015 has failed. In fact the total of chronically hungry worldwide has doubled since that time.

The FAO(Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN) is asking that you [sign](#) this online petition by November 29 when all the signatures collected worldwide will be presented at the UN. There are over 1.5 million signatures to date and only 11,000 of those are from the USA. The website is www.1billionhungry.org/deniscerreta/. Please join me in making a difference by adding your name today.

ADA Voters are a key constituency

By Mark Mellman

"As a result of suffering a very temporary disability, my respect for those truly and permanently disabled grew enormously...

As I can attest from personal experience, though, even in an

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ADA world, problems remain. Seemingly minor obstacles loom large...The loss of independence and mobility, even for a short time, was a wrenching experience that renewed my respect for those who live with disability as a constant companion.

We often forget, though, that people with disabilities are also voters. They rarely show up on our cross-tabs or campaign plans, but more than 30 million Americans with disabilities are of voting age, and some 15 million actually turned out in 2008, despite physical impediments at over a quarter of the national polling places, according to a Government Accountability Office study. To put those numbers in perspective, the “disabled vote” is nearly as large as the African-American vote, 50 percent larger than the Latino vote and many times larger than the Jewish vote — all segments that do receive substantial attention from campaigns.

The disabled vote is not only large, it’s also swing — supporting George W. Bush in ’04 and Barack Obama in ’08.

Campaigns as well as lawmakers would do well to devote more attention to this overlooked but important segment."

[Click here](#) to read the full article