

Newsletter Spring 2018

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CID's mission is to provide support services, community awareness, and systems change advocacy to promote full and equal community integration and participation for people with disabilities.

Emergency Preparedness

In April 2018, CID hosted an emergency preparedness event for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Menlo Park. Attendees learned valuable information about disaster planning from the Red Cross, San Mateo County Office of Emergency Management, Center for Independence and Menlo Park Fire Department. Many attendees won emergency kits in a raffle. Many thanks to the City of Menlo Park for sponsoring this event!





Ryan Zollicofer from Menlo Park Fire Dept

CID Staff

Next Event:

Emergency Preparedness Event for Seniors and Individuals with **Disabilities**

> **Little House Activity Center** 800 Middle Ave Menlo Park, CA 94025 June 18th 1:30-4:30 pm

FREE

Admission Refreshments Raffle: 3-Day Emergency Kits Goodie Bags for the First 100 Guests

EXPERT ADVICE

Learn about preparedness topics from CID presenters and First Responders.

PLEASE RSVP BY:

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 (650) 645-1780 Ext. 115 CIDemergencyprep@gmail.com

Consumer Highlight: Bernardo



We received a call from Samaritan House Shelter in South SF, looking for a replacement scooter for a resident, Bernardo, who was hit by a car and his scooter was totaled. Bernardo needed a new scooter as soon as possible so he could get to dialysis treatment several times per week. The shelter is in a remote location, and the bus only stops nearby twice a day,

early in the morning and late at night. Bernardo has no income, and there were no funds in the "Keep them Rolling" Fund, so we had to wait for a scooter that did not need batteries. Luckily, we received a donation of a large heavy-duty Maxima 4 Wheel scooter with lights and signals that was mechanically sound, but looked rough, as the donator used it as a fishing rig. After removing various shaped and sized fishing hooks from the rear pocket, removing the (custom) fishing pole holder. After two rounds of cleaning, the scooter was ready to for Bernardo. CID's advocate delivered the scooter to the consumer. He was grateful he could now make his dialysis appointments, and navigate his community more independently. If you are in need of Assistive Technology, contact our Advocate, Vincent, at (650) 645-1780 x127 or vlopez@cidsanmateo.org.

Disability Film Series



CID has partnered with the San Mateo Public Library for our Spring and Summer screenings of these two San Mateo Public Library disability-focused films:

The two films are free, open to the public, and will be screened at San Mateo Public Library, 55 W 3rd Ave, San Mateo. Following each film, CID will facilitate a brief discussion.

June 15 @ 1 pm - A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story (Dir. Lane Wyrick, 2008, 1:30). Abandoned in a mental institution at age 7, Bill Sackter would never see his family again. When he was released 44 years later, a chance meeting with a young college student, Barry Morrow, changed his life forever. Bill became the harmonica-playing proprietor of "Wild Bill's Coffee Shop" and his upbeat personality soon got him noticed. Even though he couldn't read or write, he deeply embraced every moment and every relationship. All he needed was a second chance.

July 27 @ 1pm - Me Before You (Dir. Thea Sharrock, 2016, 1:50, PG-13). Louisa's normally cheery outlook is put to the test when she faces her newest career challenge: as caregiver and companion to Will Traynor. A wheelchair user due to an accident, Will has all but given up. Lou determines to show him life is worth living. Embarking on a series of adventures, both Lou and Will get more than they bargained for, and find their lives and hearts changing in ways neither one could have ever imagined.

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Disability Capital Action Day

Join CID and disability rights advocates from around CA at the **Disability Capital**



Action Day on Thursday, June 7th at the Capital Building in Sacramento.

Peer Support Group

When: Tuesdays 10am-12pm Location:

Center for Independence 2001 Winward Way Ste 103 San Mateo, CA 94404

Potential discussion topics include:

- Living with and accepting a disability
- Family and relationship difficulties
- Employment and housing issues

If interested in joining the group, contact:

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