



## MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • MAY 2001

### Self Reliance Opens Office in Plant City

Self Reliance now operates regular scheduled office hours at the Plant City Neighborhood Service Center. The hours are Tuesdays: Noon to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The mission of Self Reliance is to promote independence through empowering people with disabilities and improving the communities in which they live. As part of the service that Self Reliance provides the organization has a loaner closet that provides special needs equipment to persons with disabilities who are in need of such items. The phone number at the Plant City Office is 757-3871.

### Toll Free Phone Number for On A Roll Radio

Call in and let your voice be heard.... Now you can be a part of On A Roll - Talk Radio on Life and Disability. The program airs every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. on 1250 AM, WHNZ. The phone number to call toll free is 1-800-960-4734. Call and talk to Greg Smith and let your voice be heard.

### State-Wide ADA Conference

This August the Governor's Working Group on the ADA in conjunction with the Florida ADA Network will hold a statewide ADA conference. Continuing education credits will be offered for rehabilitation counselors, lawyers, social workers and building officials. For more information on the conference or to be added to the mailing list call the Governor's Working Group at 850-487-3423.

### Artists with Disabilities Artwork to be Dedicated

Through its Public Art Program, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners commissioned two artists with disabilities to create unique works of art for installation at the All People's Life

Center. Tampa artist Jack Casey designed and fabricated a large, brightly colored wood sculpture entitled Eureka, for the main community room and St. Petersburg artist Bill Renc created three colorful and humorous watercolor paintings entitled Fish Out of Water. The dedication of these pieces of art will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 1pm, and everybody is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. The All People's Life Center is located at 6105 East Sligh Avenue. For more information regarding the dedication or the Center call 744-5978.

### Able Trust to Host 4th Symposium on Disabilities

The Able Trust's fourth Symposium on Disabilities will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton, September 11 - 14. The event will feature educational work-

#### 3rd Wednesday every month Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex  
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands  
Everybody Welcome!

The Mayor's Alliance Board now meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30p.m. This is a change from the 2nd Wednesday of the month, which was the regular meeting day. Chairman Norman Mallory felt that the change in day would facilitate a larger turnout to the meetings. The meeting will now be held prior to the accessibility meeting at the same location, the Sandy Freedman Tennis Center on Davis Island. For more information regarding joining the board of the Mayor's Alliance please contact Chairman Mallory at 988-4985 or Herb Gold at 254-1111. Please remember everyone is welcome at the Board meetings.

shops, a keynote lunch, general sessions and the 2001 Ability Awards Banquet. Several nationally known experts on disabilities and the problems surrounding persons with disabilities are scheduled to attend. For more information regarding the symposium call Kristen Knapp at (888) 838-2253 or email her at <kristen@abletrust.org>.

### Fraternity Members in Wheelchairs Take On University of Tampa

Twelve members of the UT chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity used wheelchairs to get around the university campus recently to promote disabilities awareness. The fraternity members used wheelchairs from 8am to 10pm all week and kept a journal of the problems they encountered, which was then presented to the university president. The goal was to spark change in buildings that are not accessible to students with disabilities. A spokesman for the university said that there were fewer than ten students in wheelchairs enrolled at the school. A spokesman for the fraternity said that the members that participated felt that more students with disabilities would enroll if the school were more accessible. One enrolled student with disabilities, who uses a wheelchair, thought it was a great idea and hopes the school takes some action to correct the barriers that the journal will point out.

### Talking Book Library Now in New Location

The Hillsborough County Talking Book Library is now located at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Avenue in Tampa. The library provides books and magazines on recorded cassettes to individuals with impaired vision or who are otherwise physically disabled. For more information regarding the Talking Books Program call 272-6024.

## Dates to Remember

*2nd Monday every month - 7pm*

### The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Program repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

*1st Monday every month - 3pm*

### Employment & Job Fair

#### Committee Meeting

Corporate Square, 7402 N. 56th Street, Building #800, Suite #850. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840.

*3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm*

### Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Island.

*3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm*

### Florida Council for the Blind,

#### Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B. 3RD TUES. EVERY MONTH, 6:30pm, Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group, Jefferson High School.

*1st Thursday every month*

### Therapeutic Focus Group

All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information.

*4th Wednesday every month - 2pm*

### County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 558-5557.

*3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm*

*(next meeting 4/19)*

### HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

## Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

### Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights .....	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line .....	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group .....	975-6560
VA Spinal Cord .....	972-2000 ext. 6388 Heather Mahoney
Brain and Head Injury Support .....	908-1375 Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group .....	287-2939 or 800-922-0170
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)	
Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities .....	258-5700 Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	
Learn about assistive technology .....	251-7591
Amputees Together .....	870-3323
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) .....	935-6540 Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.)	
Fully accessible recreation center .....	903-2248 Al Orr

### Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory .....	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak .....	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman .....	974-8927
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Bob Ellis .....	974-2002
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Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter .....	276-2029 ext. 7659
Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold .....	254-1111



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