



# Newsflash

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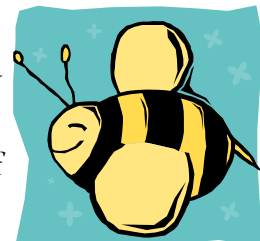
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Creating opportunities for  
people with developmental disabilities

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## What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening!

We have exciting news in several areas. We are changing our website with a whole new look! Keep checking it out because within a few weeks it will be new, different and GREEN! We are collecting new photos, looking through old ones and will have a lot of them to share soon.



We are also involved with fundraising for an elevator for our Eugene building. In August we are gathering local Mayors, community partners and friends for a surprise press conference! We are announcing an effort to raise awareness, to help raise those funds and get people to the second floor of our building!

If you have read the papers or heard any kind of news, you know the State budget is causing concern... again! We know we have had many service cuts in important programs in the past. We don't know exactly what will happen for us. In a few months we should know more and will spread the word. The most important thing YOU CAN DO is make sure you contact your Oregon legislators. Inform them about what services are important to you so YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!

You may also know (because we sent out over 1600 letters on this!) that the law changed this last year for domestic employees of our clients. This new law means that starting January 1, 2011 employees are now going to be called Personal Support Workers. They will be part of a group called the Home Care Commission (HCC). That is a State agency. The workers will NOT be state employees; they are still clients' employees. HCC will be responsible for two major things with Personal Support Workers. First, they will get worker's compensation insurance starting January 1, 2011. Second, they will also have a chance to go to training by the HCC. The new law also makes Full Access give the State names of all the Personal Support Workers. We have to give them other information like addresses. When this happens, anyone can ask the State for this information and will get it. This is a very important change for our clients and when we know more about it, we will pass the word along!

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## Events

### Full Access Ice Cream Social in Bend

Come join us for some fun, friends, and ice cream! This great event put on by the Full Access team will take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the Bend Senior Center. Don't forget to bring money to purchase raffle tickets!

"Surprise" Press Conference, Full Access Eugene office, August 10th, 11am.

KindTree Summer Autism Camp/Retreat, August 27-29, Baker Boy Scout Camp. Just south of Florence on Siltcoos Lake. Shared cabins or tent sites, lakeside nature walks, family-oriented, home-cooked food, swimming and canoe rides.

Eugene Celebration Parade

August 28th, meet at Full Access, time to meet to be announced.

## Happy Birthday to:

Alex S  
Andrea G  
Anna S  
Barbara K  
Ben M  
Blaine S  
Bo B  
Bob D  
Brenda G  
Christine B  
Clifford N  
Daniel M

Dareth S  
Dawn R  
James F  
Jamie L  
Jamie L  
Jason B  
Jason B  
Jean D  
Jeremy K  
John C  
John S  
Jonathan M

## And to anyone we may have missed!!

Kellie H  
Ken G  
Kendra T  
Kenneth R  
Kimberly H  
Lee B  
Lindsey D  
Lyndon S  
Marilyn M  
Mark K  
Mark S  
Mary H

Mary S  
Megan L  
Meghan B  
Michelle S  
Miguel T  
Nathaniel K  
Nikos T  
Patrick C  
Paul M  
Perry J  
Richard J  
Robert C

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