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Established in 1971, the League now serves consumers in 62 counties throughout Nebraska and Southwest Iowa through our Centers for Independent Living in Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha, and Council Bluffs; our Panhandle Medicaid Waiver Office in Scottsbluff; and our Mobility Options shop in Lincoln.

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The world around us is changing. Medicaid reform is changing. And we all know that change can sometimes be the opposite of good.

For an example of negative changes one only needs to look across the border to the “Show-Me-State”. Last year the State of Missouri did the unthinkable, and enacted numerous cost-cutting changes to the Medicaid health care program for the poor. One of those changes eliminated coverage for such things as wheelchair batteries, catheters, bed rails and communication devices to most adults.

This year the Missouri legislature has voted to restore coverage of wheelchair accessories but not the other items. Also last year, Missouri lawmakers ended a program known as Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD). This change has negatively affected many with disabilities who are able to work and be contributing members of their society. Thousands are faced with quitting their jobs in order to maintain health care coverage. These people want to work, be productive and move toward self-sufficiency. Failing to restore funding to the MAWD program not only forces the decision for these workers; it hurts Missouri.

And while changes in Missouri don’t directly affect the League of Human Dignity and it’s consumers, as neighbors we have great concerns about what could be coming in our futures. Reminds oneself of the story of the farm mouse.

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. ”What food might this contain?” The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. ”There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.” The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The pig sympathized, but said, “I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers.” The mouse turned to the cow and said, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The cow said, “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I’m sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.” So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer’s wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his

hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

Always be watching and listening for ways to get involved and advocate for yourself.
(Excerpts used from the St. Louis Dispatch and the Missouri Columbian)

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

On the front page we talked about changes, mainly about negative changes. But some changes can be good. The expansion of Mobility Options is a fantastic change for our customers. Our new retail facility at 1720 O Street will be bigger and better-equipped to serve our customers. We will be able to handle more inventory and that is definitely a good change.

Mobility Options (MO) will now have a better platform to show how we are different from other "mobility" stores. When someone calls the League of Human Dignity looking for information, we provide consumers with the names of other dealers and vendors, not just Mobility Options. However we feel that Mobility Options is the best choice.....we have experienced staff who know how to install and service all of the items we sell.

The League has been promoting independent living for 35 years and we always advocate for our consumers to make their own choices and their own plans. We want our consumers to be aware of all the options available to them.

We are the only mobility resource that uses the RPM program.....we Return Proceeds to the Market. In plain English, we take whatever profits we make at Mobility Options, and we put it back into our work at the League. We talk the talk and we walk the walk. We really care about our consumers and customers. Opening the new MO retail shop in late August is just the latest way we can demonstrate this to our customers.

Mike Schafer
Chief Executive Officer
League Of Human Dignity

BUILD IT ACCESSIBLE ... AND THEY WILL COME

The All-American sport of baseball goes hand-in-hand with the League of Human Dignity's 15th Annual Benefit Auction in Lincoln. Just take a look at the theme for the auction, Field of Dreams ... Build It Accessible and They Will Come. We have some awesome items up for bid! At the auction you will see tickets to various sporting events, artwork and a myriad of gift certificates for everything from free Empyrean Ales Beer-for-a-Year to a facial and haircut.

Think of the words to that ole' baseball song, "Take me out to the ball game. Take me out to the crowd." The League of Human Dignity strives to get everyone, especially those with physical disabilities, out into the crowd. The mission of the League is to actively promote the full integration of individuals with disabilities into society. You can help by coming out and supporting the auction.

"We have many great items for both our Silent Auction Tables and the Live Auction," Suzanne Lintz, Auction Committee Chairperson, reported. "Our volunteers have been working

hard, and they have done a fantastic job of getting new and exciting items.”

Make plans to join us on Thursday, September 21st, at The Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street in Lincoln. The festivities are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. with the opening of the silent auctions. Over the course of the evening, there will be three silent auctions, one live auction, various raffle opportunities and a buffet dinner. Tickets are just \$40.00. Corporate tables are also available. All proceeds will be used to promote independent living for those with disabilities throughout Nebraska and Southwest Iowa.

Those wishing to purchase tickets or make a donation are asked to contact Gayle Wolfing at 402-441-7871.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AVAILABLE ON NEW, EASY-TO-USE WEB SITE: AT4ALL.COM

Wheelchairs. Walkers. Scooters, Adapted vehicles. Adaptive computer devices and software.

That equipment and much more assistive technology for individuals experiencing disabilities is available at: www.AT4All.com

The web site which lists used and new assistive technology equipment was unveiled in May of 2006 at a news conference in Lincoln.

www.AT4All.com is a new way to connect people across the state with equipment they need and to also offer a place for individuals to sell equipment that they no longer use.

“The web site is Nebraska’s answer to providing a single-shared resource that the general public, persons with disabilities, service providers, and family members can all utilize,” Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy said. “Previously individuals had to make three or more phone calls to locate what they need, and I am proud Nebraska is taking the lead to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in our state, and across the country.” Sheehy was among those attending the news conference hosted by the Nebraska Department of Education’s Assistive Technology Partnership.

“We believe the web site is going to be a valuable tool for people experiencing disabilities,” Nebraska Education Commissioner Doug Christensen said. “People across the state will be able to easily search for the equipment they need. They can borrow equipment, buy it, or sometimes, receive the equipment at no cost.”

Mark Schultz, Director of Assistive Technology Partnership, said the web site was developed to provide a much needed resource for people experiencing disabilities. The long-term goal, he said, is to expand the web site nationally to include equipment available in other states. The web site offers a wide variety of equipment that people previously could find only after numerous telephone calls or with the help of others.

“Our goal is to become a one-stop resource for the reuse and lending of assistive technology,” Schultz said. “The web site was created as a recycling and reuse program in recognition of the quality, used assistive technology that is store at homes, hospitals and schools across the state. No financial charges are associated with this web site.”

As of May, there were 36 categories of equipment and 2,894 items listed on the web site at www.AT4All.com.

Participating partners include: Assistive Technology Partnership offices; Nebraska Educational Assistive Technology; the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and Presbyterian Outreach, Home Access Solutions.

WHO'S SAYING HELLO...

Sandra Dresser, Education & Quality Assurance Manager, Lincoln

Julie Shaw, Medicaid Waiver Services Coordinator, Lincoln

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Mindy Nepper, Medicaid Waiver Services Coordinator, Scottsbluff

WHO'S SAYING GOODBYE...

Fran Hoefler, Independent Living/Barrier Removal Program Advisor, Omaha

Marcus Johnson, Mobility Options Sales Representative, Lincoln

Cindy Lichliter, Secretary, Norfolk

Nancy Brt, Deaf Services Specialist, Lincoln

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In Memory of Mary Anne Meier

James Bassett, Gene Cotter,

Gary Krumland, Philip Leonard,

Alvin Meier, Jim Pfeifle

MORE THAN 50 MILLION AMERICANS REPORT SOME LEVEL OF DISABILITY

About 18 percent of Americans in 2002 said they had a disability, and 12 percent had a severe disability, according to a report released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. Among people with disabilities, more than half of those 21 to 64 years old had a job, more than 4-in-10 of those ages 15 to 64 used a computer at home and a quarter of those age 25 to 64 had a college degree.

“The demographic snapshots contained in this report help planners and decision-makers assess the needs of this important segment of our population,” said Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. *Americans with Disabilities: 2002* [PDF] was compiled from the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

Approximately 51.2 million people said they had a disability; for 32.5 million of them, the disability was severe. About 56 percent of people ages 21 to 64 who had a disability were employed at some point in the one-year period prior to the interview.

People with a severe disability status reported the lowest employment rate (42 percent). This compared with the employment rates of people with a nonsevere disability (82 percent) and those with no reported disability (88 percent).

Similarly, 32 percent of people ages 25 to 64 with a nonsevere disability and 22 percent with a severe disability were college graduates. The corresponding rate for those without a disability was 43 percent.

Among other findings, people with a severe disability had an increased likelihood of having Medicare or Medicaid coverage, living below the poverty level, reporting their health status to be “fair or poor,” receiving public assistance, and having a household income below \$20,000. For instance, the poverty rate for people 25 to 64 with no disability was 8 percent, compared with 11 percent for those with a nonsevere disability and 26 percent for people with a severe disability. The report defines a person as having a disability if they have difficulty performing a specific activity such as seeing, hearing, bathing or doing light housework, or had a

specified condition, such as Alzheimer's disease or autism. (See attachment. [PDF]) People are considered to have a severe disability if they are completely unable to perform one or more of these tasks or activities, need personal assistance, or have one of the severe conditions described in the report.

Other highlights:

- * Four million children ages 6 to 14, or 11 percent, had a disability. The chances of having a disability rise with age: 72 percent of people age 80 and older had disabilities.
- * Approximately 11 million people ages 6 and older, or 4 percent, needed personal assistance with an everyday activity.
- * Among the population age 15 and older, 2.7 million used a wheelchair and 9.1 million an ambulatory aid such as a cane, crutches or a walker.
- * About 7.9 million people age 15 and older had difficulty seeing the words and letters in ordinary newspaper print, including 1.8 million who were unable to see.
- * About 14.3 million people age 15 and older had limitations in cognitive functioning, or a mental or emotional illness that interfered with their daily activities, such as Alzheimer's disease, depression or mental retardation. This group comprised 6 percent of the population.
- * Among adults ages 16 to 64, 11.8 million or 6 percent reported the presence of a condition that makes it difficult to remain employed or find a job.
- * Median earnings for a person with no disability were \$25,000, compared with \$22,000 for a person with a non-severe disability and \$12,800 for those with a severe disability.
- * Of those ages 15 to 64, 36 percent with a severe disability used a computer, and 29 percent used the Internet at home.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Public Information Office, (301) 763-3030

IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT EDUCATION AND THE COURTS:

Arlington Central School District v Murphy.

Children with disabilities and their families will have an even harder time protecting their rights through litigation against school districts under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), due to a recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of the Arlington Central School District v Murphy. In this landmark decision, authored by newly confirmed Justice Samuel Alito, the Majority ruled that students with disabilities and their families, who challenged school districts' failure to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) under IDEA, are not entitled to recover fees for consultation with, and testimony by, expert professionals.

In the case, the Murphys sued the Arlington School District seeking to require Arlington to pay their son's private school tuition. IDEA has a provision that awards attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party in a lawsuit. The district court ruled in favor of the Murphys who then requested the district court to award fees and costs, including \$29,350 in fees for the services of an educational consultant. After several appeals, this is the component that was struck down by the Supreme Court.

NCIL is disappointed with this decision because families already have the deck stacked against them in settling differences with school districts under IDEA. Expert witnesses are crucial for parents in IDEA cases — particularly because the school districts already have plenty of experts on staff. As Justice Stephen Breyer's dissenting opinion explains, without the ability to get reimbursed for expert fees, it will be that much harder for parents of kids with disabilities to be able to make successful presentations in due process hearings and judicial review. This is

yet another setback for students with disabilities coming on the heels of a reauthorization of IDEA that substantively reduced the rights of students with disabilities and last November's Supreme Court ruling in *Schaffer v. Weast* placing the burden of proof on the party challenging the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) unless state law requires the school district to prove the appropriateness of the IEP.

Though an adverse outcome was anticipated, Alito's decision was worse than expected because it unnecessarily advanced a doctrine which said that since IDEA is spending clause legislation, the requirements it imposes on states or localities must be spelled out unambiguously in the text of the statute. As a result, this decision has the potential to shape future jurisprudence and significantly limit the reach of a number of civil rights laws, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as well as the IDEA. Though we would prefer to have been proven wrong, this activist ruling shows that NCIL's vigorous opposition to the Alito nomination was justified.

Read the Murphy decision at <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/05-18.ZS.html>

FIRST CIRCUIT UPHOLDS TITLE II OF THE ADA IN HIGHER EDUCATION STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY CASE

Fortunately, there is some positive news to report in terms of the ability to use Title II of the ADA to safeguard the rights of students with disabilities at state universities. Last week, in a case called *Toledo v. Sanchez-Rivera*, the First Circuit Court of Appeals rejected 11th Amendment State Sovereign Immunity arguments and upheld the right of Ivan Toledo, a college student with a disability, to bring a Title II ADA discrimination case against the University of Puerto Rico. The decision explains, Title II [of the ADA], as it applies to the class of cases implicating the right of access to public education, constitutes a valid exercise of Congress' [Section] 5 authority to enforce the guarantees of the Fourteenth Amendment. Accordingly, state sovereign immunity is not a defense to this action, and we affirm the district court's decision to reinstate Toledo's Title II claims.

With this important victory, the First Circuit joins the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits as the third federal court of appeals to uphold Title II of the ADA as valid Section 5 legislation in the context of education. In addition to Puerto Rico, the First Circuit includes Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

To read the First Circuit Decision, see <http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/getopn.pl?OPINION=05-1376.01A>.

LIFELONG LINKS WEBCAST – SAVE THE DATE NOTICE FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Webcast, Friday, Sept. 15 at 10 -10:45 a.m– Save the Date!

Introducing LifeLongLinks.org: The New Web Portal Connecting Iowans to Aging and Disability Resources

Iowa's older adults and people with disabilities soon will have easier access to statewide resources through one comprehensive Web portal at www.LifeLongLinks.org. The site is scheduled to be live by Sept. 1, 2006. Learn more about the site contents and navigation during a live 45-minute webcast Friday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at www.extension.iastate.edu/webcast. A link to system requirements will be included on this page. The webcast also will be archived at www.LifeLongLinks.org for those unable to view it live.

LifeLong Links is designed to remove barriers to community living for people of all ages with disabilities, long-term illnesses and aging issues. Development of aging and disability resource centers such as LifeLong Links is part of the President's New Freedom Initiative and is

funded through the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. LifeLong Links will assist all Iowans searching for resources about long-term care.

Iowa was awarded \$800,000 in April 2004 and is creating a virtual statewide resource center by enhancing Iowa's existing information and referral systems Iowa COMPASS, Iowa 211 and the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging (i4a).

The primary goal of LifeLong Links is to help people with disabilities and older Iowans, as well as people who provide them with support, to easily locate and access services – regardless of where they first seek information. All Iowans will be able to identify local, state and national options for services and information throughout their lifespan from the LifeLong Links Web site and toll-free telephone numbers for Iowa COMPASS, Iowa 211 and i4a.

LifeLong Links is a trademark of the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs.

For more information contact:

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LEAGUE OF HUMAN DIGNITY RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

is now taking applications for a 1-bedroom apartment in Columbus and a 1-bedroom apartment in Hastings. Both have a roll-in shower.

The units come with a Section 8 certificate, and rent is based on income.

Eligible persons must qualify under income guidelines as established by the U.S. Dept. of HUD. Applicants must experience a disability to qualify.

Contact Paula Shufeldt at 1 (888) 508-4758 voice/TDD

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A CHRONOLOGY OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The League has been sharing the path of the Disability Rights Movement. This issue continues through the 1970s, starting with 1973.

1973 -

The first handicap parking stickers are introduced in Washington, D.C.

The first Conference on Human Rights and Psychiatric Oppression is held at the University of Detroit.

Passage of the Federal-Aid Highway Act authorizes federal funds to provide for construction of curb cuts.

Passage of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 marks the greatest achievement of the disability rights movement. The act — particularly Title V and, especially, Section 504 for the first time, confronts discrimination against people with disabilities. Section 504 prohibits programs receiving federal funds from discriminating against “otherwise qualified handicapped” individuals and sparks the formation of “504 workshops” and numerous grassroots organizations. Disability rights activism seizes on the act as a powerful tool and make the signing of regulations to implement Section 504 a top priority. Litigation arising out of Section 504 will generate such central disability rights concepts as “reasonable modification,” “reasonable accommodation,” and “undue burden,” which will form the framework for subsequent federal law, especially the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board is established under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to enforce the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is organized to advocate for passage of what will

become the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1975 and the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

1974 -

The first U.S. National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is held, as well as the first National Wheelchair Marathon.

The Boston Center for Independent Living is founded.

Halderman v. Pennhurst is filed in Pennsylvania on behalf of the residents of the Pennhurst State School & Hospital. The case, highlighting the horrific conditions at state “schools” for people with mental retardation, becomes an important precedent in the battle for deinstitutionalization, establishing a right to community services for people with developmental disabilities.

The first convention of People First is held in Salem, Oregon. People First become the largest U.S. organization composed of and led by people with cognitive disabilities.

The first Client Assistant Project (CAPs) is established to act as advocates for clients of state vocational rehabilitation agencies.

North Carolina passes a statewide building code with stringent access requirement drafted by access advocate Ronald Mace. This code becomes a model for effective architectural access legislation on other states. Mace founds Barrier Free Environments to advocate for accessibility in buildings and products.

We will focus on 1975 and 1976 in the next issue. As you can see, the 1970’s was a time of monumental change in the disability rights movement.

BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM

Barrier Removal Grants are available to qualified renters or homeowners who experience a mobility limitation (or have someone in their family who does). The program is offered in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Omaha and Council Bluffs, and is open to people who have low to moderate incomes and need funds to remove or modify barriers in their homes.

A few modifications that may be considered eligible under the program include: outside ramps and lifts, grab bars, handrails, wider doorways, accessible tubs and showers, and reachable sinks and counters.

Applications for the grants are available at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Council Bluffs Centers for Independent Living.

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UNITED WE RIDE GRANTS AWARD TO STATES

The Federal Transit Administration has awarded grants to 32 States for United We Ride (UWR). The UWR grants will be used to enhance transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults and individuals with lower incomes. The significance of the grants is to improve transportation coordination, as well as, to delineate the barriers between transit and human service programs.

The recipients are: Planning Grants: South Dakota, Wyoming and Guam. Implementation Grants: Kansas, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Colorado, West Virginia, North Carolina, Arizona, New Jersey, Georgia, Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, California, Illinois, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, Kentucky, Vermont, New York, Nebraska, Alabama, and Minnesota. Congratulations!!!! to ALL of the States. For more information, www.unitedweride.gov

(in the middle of the page is a picture of a graduation cap and diploma)

LAW OPENS GRADUATION CEREMONIES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS OPTIONS PROTECTS RIGHT TO FURTHER SCHOOLING

May 2006

By Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A bill signed into law Monday by Gov. Ed Rendell gives every special education student in Pennsylvania the option of participating in commencement exercises at the end of 12th grade.

It's a major victory for the families of special needs students who, over the years, have been prevented in some districts from participating in graduation until they've finished their individual education plans, which can keep them in school until age 21.

Moon Area High School Principal Michael Houser said it is unfortunate that such a law is necessary, "but if having a law is what it takes to assure that all students are included in graduation, then I'm all for it."

Mr. Hauser said over the years students with a variety of special needs have participated in Moon commencements because the district has made special accommodations.

"We had a young man who was blind several years ago and we provided him with an aide and a special place to sit with fellow graduates," Mr. Hauser said. "He walked across the stage to receive his diploma and the audience erupted in spontaneous loud applause. It really warmed the heart."

Mr. Hauser said Moon's policy is to fully include students whether they are wheelchair-bound, are without sight or with a low mental capacity in all school events.

The law, which started out as House Bill 1618 and is referred to as Ashley's Law, was passed unanimously in both the state House and Senate. It requires all 501 school districts to allow special education students to be included in commencement exercises as of this year, if the student so desires.

Instead of a diploma, the special needs students will be presented with something similar to a certificate of completion.

Federal law requires schools to provide free public education for disabled students between the ages of 3 and 21. But students who are entitled to stay in school until that later age often have grown up in a school district with peers who graduate after grade 12, usually at age 18.

A parent who is happy to see the legislation take effect is Oscar Federbusch, whose son, Scott, was prevented from participating in the Woodland Hills graduation ceremony in 1999.

Mr. Federbusch said the school district would not allow Scott, who has Down syndrome, to take part in graduation unless the family released the district from any further responsibility for his education beyond the graduation date.

In what became a high-profile battle, the Federbusch family took the issue to Commonwealth Court, but lost. That meant Scott sat in the audience during graduation and watched his sister receive her diploma. The family had hoped the siblings could graduate together.

“When we went to court, we knew it would be too late for Scott, but we were doing it for everybody else who came after him,” Mr. Federbusch said. “Seeing the law put into effect now makes our battle worthwhile.”

Mr. Federbusch is still bitter over the school district’s treatment of his son.

“There was no benefit to anyone in that decision. As far as I’m concerned, it was just a hateful thing to do,” he said.

In April 2004, the district changed its policy so that disabled students could participate in the graduation ceremony.

The new law is named after Ashley Brubaker, who is a senior and special education student in the Selinsgrove Area School District in Snyder County. Last year, school officials there told her mother, Deb, that the district’s long-standing policy would prevent Ms. Brubaker from participating in graduation.

She has cerebral palsy, autism, a severe anxiety disorder and speech impairments.

Mrs. Brubaker was so enraged at the policy that “I e-mailed every representative in the state” to ask for legislation. She didn’t have to go far. State Rep. Russ Fairchild, R-Lewisburg, Union County, whose district includes the school district, sponsored House Bill 1618.

It turned out that the Selinsgrove Area School District was willing to change its policy without the state legislation, but Mrs. Brubaker and Mr. Fairchild continued their quest for a law to give all special needs students the same opportunity that Ms. Brubaker was given.

“I wasn’t going to stop there because I knew there had to be a lot of others out there who wanted this for their children, too,” Mrs. Brubaker said.

She’s not stopping at this level, either.

“Right now, we are going to sit back and enjoy Ashley’s graduation. Then, in the fall, we will take this to the federal level.”

(Originally printed in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

(located in the bottom left of the page is a picture of a walker)

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LEAGUE’S EQUIPMENT LOAN & RENTAL PROGRAM?

Have you ever had a family member suffer a minor injury that required the use of crutches or a wheelchair for a short time? Has a recent illness or accident made it necessary to use a walker, a transfer bench or a commode? Are you cleaning out your home and realize that you no longer need a lot of the equipment you have around?

The League of Human Dignity has an Equipment Loan Program which allows you to rent or borrow most smaller medical equipment items for a small fee. Contact your local League of Human Dignity for details. We encourage donations of these items.

Guidelines to remember:

We do not handle any items that require special-custom fitting and/or a doctor’s supervision i.e. braces, corsets.

All donated items need to be in good shape. We do not accept items that need repair.

Items that can be borrowed from the League with a one-time handling fee of \$5.00 include:

Tub Seats
Walkers
Canes
Crutches
Commodes

(sometimes have grab bars available)

These items can be loaned to you. They must be returned in good clean condition. The consumer is responsible for any installation costs, maintenance and repair on loaned items.

When available, these items can be rented from the League, for a small fee:

Manual Wheelchairs \$25 per month

Shower Chair \$15 per month

(sometimes have Tub Lifts for \$25 per month)

Personal Lifts \$15 per month

Bed Trapeze \$10 per month

Bed Trapeze/Floor Stand \$20 per month

Portable Track Ramps \$20 per month

Rental fees include all maintenance and servicing during rental period. The renter is responsible for installation, for picking items up and returning items at the end of the rental. The first month's rent and a deposit equal to one month's rent is required at the time of pick-up. Renters are also responsible to pay for repairs or replacement of items damaged due to abuse or negligence.

ASSOCIATIONS AND SUPPORT GROUPS YOU CAN COUNT ON WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS

The information listed here has been shared with the League of Human Dignity by individuals and organizations involved in local, regional and national associations and support groups. Please let us know if you would like to add a listing.

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EAD-Equal Access for the Disabled, meets 1st Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Bluffs, IA, 6th St & 9th Ave. Contact Pat Butler, President (712) 323-1894 or Gloria, Secretary (712) 323-3438.

ALS

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Support Group (MDA), Omaha, 7602 Pacific St., Suite 200, 68114 Jessi Thomsen,(402) 390-2914.

Nebraska Office, Shaker Place, 10730 Pacific, Ste 228, Omaha, NE 68114, (402) 991-8788, 1-866-762-6361; FAX: (402) 991-3691, Keith Worthington Chapter; 8340 Mission Rd., Ste B4, Prairie Village, Kansas 66206, 913-648-2062

ALZHEIMERS

For more info contact the Alzheimer's Association Chapter at (402) 502-4300 or (800) 272-3900.

Cass Co. Iowa, 2nd Thursday, call Alan & Kathy Teel, (712) 243-9835.

Council Bluffs, last Tuesday of each mo. at 6:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Home, (712) 572-3059.

Alzheimers Association of Lincoln/Great Plains Chapter, regular meeting is the 1st Monday of each mo. at 7 pm, Karen (402) 420-2540, Toll-Free 1-800-487-2585.

Omaha/Eastern Nebraska/SW Iowa (402) 572-3010, 1-800-309-2112.

Fremont Co. in Sidney, IA, 4th Monday each mo. at 7pm, Sidney Presbyterian Church, 1000 Illinois St, call Faye at (712) 374-2433.

Harrison Co., Missouri Valley, last Tuesday of each mo. at 3 pm, Longview Home, call Evonne at (712) 642-2264.

Osceola, 3rd Monday of each mo. at 7 pm, Osceola Good Sam., call Carmen at (402) 747-2691.

Page Co. in Clarinda, 3rd Thursday of each mo. at 2:30 pm, Goldenrod Facility, call Linda at (712) 542-5621.

Scottsbluff 1st Thursday of each mo., Beverly Healthcare, 111 W. 36 St, Stacy Rotherham (308) 635-2019.

Shelby Co. in Harlan, 3rd Wednesday each mo. at 6:30 pm at Harlan Senior Center, call Alice at (712) 755-2757.

AMPUTEE

United Support for Amputees, Omaha Emmanuel Hospital Rehabilitation Center, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Maxine, (712) 644-2955, after 7 pm.

Beyond Limbloss, Lincoln, Kenny, (402) 466-0268, cell 540-0748

ARTHRITIS

Arthritis Foundation, Nebraska Chapter (402) 330-6130 (within Omaha) and 800-642-5292 (outside Omaha) FAX: (402) 330-6167

The web site remains the same (www.arthritis.org).

Arthritis Foundation Iowa Chapter, Des Moines, meets monthly, (515) 278-0636; FAX: (515) 278-2636; Info.ia@arthritis.org; www.arthritis.org

ATHLETICS

Cornhusker Wheelchair Athletics Ass'n Lincoln Ian (402) 486-8449, www.cwaane.org

Eastern Nebraska Wheelchair Athletic Association, Omaha, Greg (402) 289-3521.

Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team, Omaha, Mike (402) 554-2539; Rita (402) 551-4598.

AUTISM

Autism Society of Nebraska, Jean McDermott (402) 431-0166

Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Nebraska, Mark Hirschfeld (402) 955-1780

Unlocking Autism, Connie Shockley (402) 933-2565

BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED

C-Big (Council Bluffs Blind Information Group) Chuck Dietz (712) 323-4817.

United Blind of Omaha, Gary (402) 455-4116, Sherry 556-4156.

Support Groups for the Visually Impaired Albion,Center, Columbus, Norfolk, Tekamah, Westpoint, John/Glen (402) 370-3436.

Support Groups for the Visually Impaired in Iowa, Iowa Department for the Blind 1-800-362-2587

VIPS Support Groups for visually impaired; over 1000 members throughout Nebraska; to find your group, contact: President Howard Simons, Isanders Group, 324 W 13 St, Grand Island, NE 68801; (308) 381-8003.

CANCER

American Cancer Society, Heartland Division (Omaha Office) (402) 393-5800; 1-800-642-8116
PLEASE CALL FOR SUPPORT GROUPS IN OMAHA AND SURROUNDING AREAS
Lincoln, Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm Nebraska Union Rm 338. Call Yasmin (402) 472-7450.
Lincoln; Corporate Building, 7441 O St., Suite 301. "Breast Cancer Support Group" and "Look
Good Feel Good" meetings will be held on 1st or 2nd Wednesday of the month. Call Mary at
(402) 486-7258.

Montgomery Co. in Red Oak, Breast Cancer group, meet monthly at Montgomery County
Memorial Hospital, 4th Monday of mo at 6:30 pm, call Carla at (712) 623-7215.

Shelby Co. in Harlan, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, call
Cheryl at (712) 755-5161.

CHRONIC PAIN

Lincoln Chapter, American Chronic Pain Association, 1st & 3rd Tues each month, 7-8:30 pm,
1st Step Recovery & Wellness Center, 2231 Winthrop Rd. Call Chapter President Terrance
Dukes (402) 423-9405.

DEAF

Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) 4600 Valley Rd, Ste 420;
(402) 471-3593 or 1-800-545-6244.

Communication Service for Deaf of Iowa, employment services (712) 322-1489.

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa. 1-888-221-3724 V/TTY.

DEPRESSION

Manic Depressive and Depressive Association, Lincoln, (402) 483-8886.

Greater Omaha Depression & Manic Depression Association, Omaha, Kate (402) 551-3275.

Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance-Lincoln, 1st Tues each month, 7 p.m., call (402) 481-5320.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The ARC of Lincoln/Lancaster County; Individual & Family Support Services; Dads Groups;
Sibshops; Family Gatherings; Vacation Program; Group Residences; 1101 Arapahoe, Suite 5,
(402) 421-8866; www.lincolnne.com/nonprofit/arc

Easter Seal Nebraska provides services to children & adults with disabilities & other special
needs, as well as support to their families. Call 800-650-9880, www.ne.easterseals.com.

Mosaic: at Bethpage Village, 1044 23rd Rd, PO Box 67, Axtell, NE 68924, (308) 743-2401,
Mosaic_Axtell@mosaicinfo.org; 722 S. 12th; Box 607; Beatrice, NE 68310; (402) 223-4066.

DIABETES

American Diabetes Association 1-800-342-2383.

Cass Co, 2nd Wednesday every other mo. at 6:30 pm, call Marcia at (712) 243-3250.

Lincoln Diabetes Center: (402) 481-3055.

Page Co., 4th Monday at 6:30 pm, call Elaine at (712) 542-2176.

Pottawattamie Co., 3rd Tues. at 5:30 pm, call Cheryl (712) 755-4316.

Shelby Co., 3rd Monday at 1:30 pm, March - Nov, call Jan at (712) 755-4316.

DOWN SYNDROME

Omaha Nat'l Down Syndrome Society (NDSS); Contact (402) 553-5335 or
nebuddywalk@cox.net

Lincoln, NE Parent and family group; meetings, holiday events, Buddy Walk, parent packets,
Call: Deb Safarik: (402) 466-7641

Lincoln Early Devel. Services Coordination (402) 441-6710

Early Development Network in Lancaster County; ESU #6, 1-800-327-0091

National Down Syndrome Society 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, 1-800-221-4602,

info@ndss.org

Council Bluffs Down Syndrome Parent Group, Kyla Alba at (712) 366-0503 x257 or (712) 322-9391.

DYSLEXIA

Nebraska Branch International Dyslexia Association, "Smart Kids: School Problems" Grand Island, Brenda (308) 381-8943.

Lincoln, Irene (402) 327-0751.

EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Association of Nebraska, Omaha (402) 553-6567.

Epilepsy Support Group, meets third Tuesday each month in Omaha, Wittson Hall on the UNMC campus, Room 3010.

FIBROMYALGIA

Omaha, Arthritis Foundation (402) 572-3040.

Gordon area, meets various places.

Humbolt, IA area, call Judy at (515) 332-3376 (9 am-9 pm); bjmeris@goldfieldaccess.net

Mercy Medical Center, New Hampton, IA area, meets monthly, call Judy (641) 394-3106 ext 189.

Page Co., 2nd Monday at 5:00 p.m. Call Shelly at (712) 542-2176.

Shenandoah, IA area, meets four times a year or when requested, call Della (712) 246-3244; delsta@netins.net

FMS-CF SYNDROME

Support Group, Council Bluffs. Call (712) 323-9448.

GRIEF RESOLUTION

With Horizon Hospice, Monday evenings, (402) 474-3600. Lincoln

HARD OF HEARING

S.H.H.H. – Lincoln, 7 P.M. New Covenant Church, 3rd Thursday of each month, call (402) 471-3593.

HEAD INJURY

Head Injury Support Group, Lincoln, Jan Lingren, 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm, First United Methodist Church (402) 488-1916.

Head Injury Survivors Group, 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Goodwill Industries, Lincoln (402) 231-1933.

Head Injury Support Group, Omaha, Gail Kerwin (402) 571-5651.

Head Injury Support Group, Norfolk, 1st Monday, Faith Regional Health Services.

HYDRANENCEPHALY

Omaha Local contact: Lynne (402) 485-2229 or rtrease@nntc.net; Internet support also available (please call for more information)

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities Association of Nebraska, Sharon, Omaha (402) 571-7771.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA

Lincoln Family Support Group for adult patients and family members with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, myeloma or myelodysplastic syndromes. Call The L & L Society, (402) 344-2242 in Omaha, (402) 438-2242 in Lincoln. Omaha-area group meets 2nd Tuesday of the month and Lincoln-area group meets 2nd Monday of the month. Call for more info.

Lincoln Telephone Support Group for adult Myeloma, Lymphoma and Leukemia patients and family members; Mondays 10-11am; talk with support group from home; free service of

Nebraska Chapter, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Call Tonya: (402) 344-2242 or 1-888-847-4974.

MDA

MDA Duchene Parents Support Group, Omaha/Papillion, meets quarterly Sat., 1-3; Papillion/LaVista High School, 420 S Washington St; Maggie Phillips (402) 390-2914

MENTAL ILLNESS

Page Co Serious & Persistent Mental Illness, 3rd Wed. at 1:30 p.m., call Jennifer (712) 542-2388.

Nebraska Family Support Network an advocacy organization for families of children & youth with mental illness, supporting Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy & Washington counties. 3568 Dodge St, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 345-0791.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill(NAMI)<http://www.nami.org/sites/ne>. For questions, please call Dan Jackson at NAMI Nebraska, 1941 S. 42nd St., Suite 517, Omaha, NE 68105 Phone: 1-877-463-6264;

Mental Health Association of Nebraska 1-800-422-6691 or www.MHA-NE.org

Council Bluffs, NAMI meets 1st Thurs of mo., call Laura at (712) 242-0050.

Grand Island 877-463-6264; or Carole Denton (308) 382-8604; jdenton@navix.net

Hastings NAMI Hastings, Kevin Ehly (402) 462-8657;

Juniata/Hastings NAMI - FORSE, Cindy Scott (402) 751-2226, hs35558@navix.net; Hastings

NAMI CARE (Consumers Advocating Recovery Through Empowerment) Linda Shaw (402) 463-6354.

Kearney NAMI Central Nebraska, Linda Jensen (308) 865-8729 or Cindy Mayer (308) 234-3212.

Lincoln NAMI Lincoln, Susan Krome (402) 484-8653; Tami Walden (402) 471-4515; Mental Health Lincoln Support Group, Tuesdays 3-4 pm Bennet Martin Library.

McCook NAMI Of SW Nebraska, Sandy Graves (308) 345-3013.

Norfolk/Hartington NAMI Northeast Nebraska, Tom Barr (402) 371-7175.

North Platte NAMI Platte Valley, Margaret Baker (308) 535-7434.

Oakland NAMI Greater Burt County Nebraska, Wayne Jarvill, (402) 685-6857.

Scottsbluff NAMI Western Nebraska, Shirley McLaughlin (308) 635-2239, shirley@prairie.web.com

Sutherland NAMI Trails West Nebraska, Margaret Baker (308) 284-4078, bakerm@gpcom.net

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

MCS Information Exchange,

3 Larrabee Farm Road, Brunswick, ME, 04011. conceptmed.com

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Omaha, (402) 572-3190 or 1-800-755-3959

Lincoln, contact Karen Olson (402) 486-1885

Norfolk, (402) 648-7906

Council Bluffs, meets 3rd Thursday every month, 7 pm, Jerry Ebsen (712) 366-9569.

MYOSITIS

Support Group, Lincoln, call Mac Warren (402) 438-5183.

Online, www.myositis.org

Support Group, Bennington, call Laura at (402) 238-3261.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parent Training and Information (PTI) for Families of Children with Disabilities 3135 N 93 St,

Omaha, phone & fax:(402) 346-0525;1-800-284-8520;kheinen@pti-nebraska.org

PARKINSON

Lincoln Support Group meets 4th Sunday each month (except December); 2:00 pm; Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St (52nd St entrance); Contact: Jill 402-486-8164 or Lori , 402-486-9040. Call for schedule of topics.

Fremont (402) 478-4853

Panhandle Area meets 4th Wed each month; Northfield Villa-Bldg 6, Vista Dining Rm, 1:30 pm; Contact: Maurice Wheeler (308) 623-2508

Clarinda, IHS, 600 Manor Dr., 2 pm, 3rd Thursday of each month. Connie (712) 542-5161

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Lincoln Support Group meets at Bryan Medical Plaza, 1600 S. 48 St; 2nd Floor; Room 3; Call Sandy (402) 483-4908.

POLIO

Nebr Polio Survivors Assoc., Omaha (402) 341-0710.

Lincoln/Lancaster County, Vera (402) 467-5650.

RESPIRATORY

Better Breathers, 4th Monday at 4 pm, call Sharon at (712) 328-5479.

The American Lung Association of Nebraska offers programs & services to prevent lung disease & promote lung health education, research & advocacy. For more information call 1-800-586-4872.

SCHIZOPHRENICS ANONYMOUS

Lincoln Group meets Fridays 7-9pm; First Plymouth, 20th & D St.

SCLERODERMA

Lincoln meets at Roper & Son Resource Ctr,4400 S 70 St; Leader: Terry Christensen (308) 384-4017; terry058@webtv.net

Omaha meets 2nd Tues. every other month, 7-9 pm at Methodist Cancer Center; 8303 Dodge St; lower lobby; Leader: Barb Heenan (402) 291-7670; omahassg@aol.com

Grand Island meets at St. Francis Hospital, 2620 Faidley Ave, Conf. Rm 3A; Support Leader:Terry Christensen (308) 384-4017; terry058@webtv.net

SPINA BIFIDA

Spina Bifida Ass'n of the Star City, Lincoln, Jerry (402) 434-3000.

Spina Bifida Support Group, Omaha, meets 1st Wednesday each month 7 pm, Quality Living East Campus, Cabana Room; Call Jolene (402) 894-2070.

SPINAL CORD INJURY/DISEASE

ENWISCIA: Please call Brian Richardson, (402) 573-6904 for information or e-mail at ENWISCIA@cox.net. No regular meetings at this time.

Spinal Cord Injury Peers (SCIP) (Nebraska Panhandle) meets monthly; Regional West Medical Ctr, Scottsbluff. Call (308)635-7901; (308) 630-1070; or (308) 436-1060.

Central NE Spinal Cord Injury Group, Hastings. Call Darla McAllister (402) 461-5124 or, bamadarla@alltel.net

STROKE

4th Thurs./month @ 1pm @ Madonna ProActive, 7111 Stephanie Lane, Lincoln, (402) 483-9590.

“Come Back Club”, Lincoln 1-888-808-5678.

Cass Co., 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm at 1501 E 10th St, Atlantic, IA. Rita, (712) 243-7480.

TOURETTE SYNDROME

Lincoln Nebr. Assoc. for Tourette Syndrome Group (402) 467-9077

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For Sale: Hoveround Electric Wheelchair, only 5 1/2 years old, has battery charger, \$800 OBO. Cash only. Please call Trish at (402) 476-2943. (Lincoln)

For Sale: 2002 Ford 250 XLT Crew Cab, only 34K miles, with 7.3 V-8 Diesel, bug deflector, tinted glass, pull out mirror, camper shell. Bruno VSL - 650 CurbsiderXL. Please call Ron at (712) 246-2119 or (402) 873-3204. (Nebraska City)

For Sale: 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager with Bruno power chair lift in side door. \$2500. Please call Terry at (402) 430-5738. (Lincoln)

For Sale: 1996 Ford Van E-150 with 109k miles, 6 in. floor drop, hand controls, reduced-effort steering, side-door wheel chair lift, power everything, excellent condition, \$7500 OBO. Please call Mitch at (402) 890-8235. (Lincoln)

For Sale: 1996 GMC Safari accessible van with Braun lift, 60K miles, in great shape, \$9000; Battery-operated wheelchair, \$300 OBO. Please call Norma at (402) 336-3380. (O'Neill)

For Sale: Rascal 410TC Power chair, excellent condition, free delivery, \$1500 OBO. Please call William at (402) 435-2504. (Lincoln)

For Sale: Wheelchair van 1989 Ford Club Wagon E150 with side lift Riccon S 1000, only 83K miles and in very excellent condition, no rust, \$6500 OBO, a must see. Please call Peter at (402) 932-1550. (Omaha)

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For Sale: Electric scooter, Invacare model, works well, \$500 OBO. Please call Mike at (402) 423-2998. (Lincoln)

For Sale: 2003 Quickie manual wheelchair, 26" wide, hardly used, removable tires, paid \$3k in 2003. 2005 Pronto Invacare Power Wheelchair, deluxe extra wide chair with all the extras, paid \$11k new. Please make offers and call Randy at (402) 362-1335. (York)

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