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**July 25th, 2010
Madison, Wisconsin**

**Come join in a celebration recognizing
20 years since the signing of the
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Presented by:

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*"Independence, freedom of choice,
control over their own lives..."*

July 26th, 2010 marks the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA is the landmark civil rights legislation that has laid a foundation of equality and rights for all people with disabilities. Thanks to the ADA, many people with disabilities have access to their state and local government's programs and services, access to businesses of all types, access to public and private transportation, access to education and employment, access to telecommunication and media, and access to basic rights such as voting. We could go on, but you realize the magnitude that the ADA has had on our everyday lives. That said, we also realize that the ADA is only the foundation, and that we have a long way to go to realize the dream of a fully inclusive society for all, regardless of disability. It is for these reasons that Access to Independence is excited to announce a day-long series of events marking the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ACCESS MARCH: Begins at 11:30am at the Library Mall

Walk, roll or ride with fellow "marchers" as we make our way up State Street to the State Capitol. Bring a sign, or grab a ready-made one to show how proud you are of where we've come and how much work is yet to be done!



RALLY FOR EQUALITY: Begins at 1:30pm outside of the State Capitol

Get re-energized and empowered as speakers from the disability community, past and present politicians, and others fire up the crowd with speeches about what the ADA means to all of us, and how we must continue to reaffirm our commitment to the ADA!



AWARDS CELEBRATION: Begins at 3:00pm at the Overture Center for the Arts

The final event of the day-long celebration will be a chance to spend time with others and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, music and an awards presentation. A video presentation will also be playing to show how far we've come!



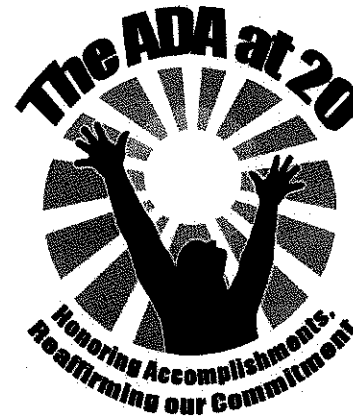
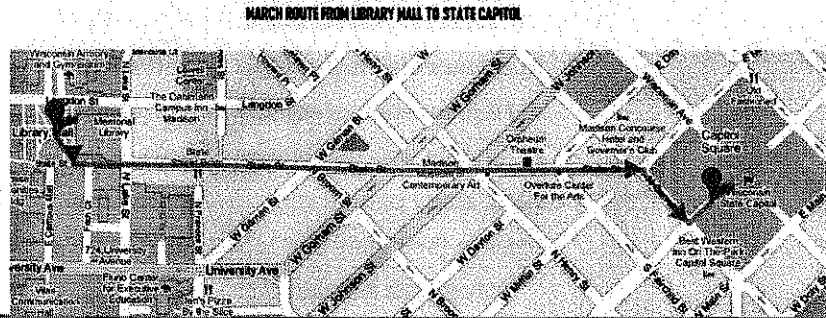
*"...to blend fully and equally into
the rich mosaic of the American
mainstream."*

THE DAY'S EVENTS:

ACCESS MARCH: Begins at 11:30

We will be assembling at and walking from Library Mall at the UW-Madison campus, up State Street, to the State Capitol. The Access March is a chance for us to show our pride and achievements of the last 20 years since the passage of the ADA. "Marchers" can bring their own signs or grab a sign with a slogan or phrase that celebrates this milestone. Due to being a Sunday in late July, safety vehicles will be on hand to support walkers who may become overwhelmed by the 8/10 of a mile walk to the Capitol. These safety vehicles will be air conditioned and will have wheelchair access. They will also support marchers who may have problems with a wheelchair or other

mobility device. Water and some snacks will be provided to walkers at the assembly area, throughout the march and in the safety vehicles. This event will be happening rain or shine, so come prepared for the elements and bring items such as sun block and hats, or rain coats and umbrellas. People using power chairs should take caution to cover the electrical components of their chairs with any chances of rain.



RALLY FOR EQUALITY: Begins at 1:30

Whether you've braved the walk up State Street, or wish to head directly to the State Capitol, join us for this exciting and empowering Rally for Equality as speakers fire up the crowd about the accomplishments we have made over the last 20 years, and all the work that remains to reach the dream of a fully inclusive society! Invited Speakers include current members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, those in the delegation who voted YEA for the ADA in 1990, state and local leaders from then and now, and of course leaders from the disability movement. The Rally for Equality will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon on the south side of the State Capitol, where N. Carroll St., E. Main St. and S. Hamilton St. all come together. There will be signs and volunteers around the square to make sure you get to the right place. Just be sure to bring your energy and enthusiasm!

AWARDS CELEBRATION: Begins at 3:00

This is the third and final event of the day-long celebration, and a wonderful way to end the day! Join us at the Overture Center for the Arts, located at 201 State St. in Madison, just 2 blocks from the rally site. We will have an awards presentation, music and light hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will also be available for refreshment. This is a free event that is open to the public and we encourage you to join us as we recognize those who have shown a commitment to the ideals of the ADA. There will also be a video presentation showing how far we've come.

ADA AWARDS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

In order to have an awards celebration, someone will need to get an award! Access to Independence needs your help in finding deserving people who have shown their commitment to the ADA through their personal or professional lives. Access to Independence will be soliciting nominations for ADA awards beginning on May 17th, 2010.

To learn more about the awards, or to nominate someone you feel is deserving, please go to the Access to Independence website at www.accesstoind.org. Once there, click on the ADA Celebration link or the logo. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call Access to Independence and a description of the awards and nomination forms will be sent to you.

A lot of people have worked hard to build a fully inclusive society and it's time we recognize them and celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act!

ADA at 20 Registration

We'd like to know if you plan to attend. Please detach this fold and mail to address on back. If you prefer, you can call or e-mail your intent to participate.

I plan to attend the Access March I plan to attend the Awards Celebration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> YES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAYBE | <input type="checkbox"/> MAYBE |

I plan to attend the Rally for Equality I plan to bring others with me to any events marked "YES"

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | #-March: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO | #-Rally: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAYBE | #-Celebration: _____ |

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Want to Support the ADA at 20?

YES: Please find my enclosed check for the value of \$_____
(please send in secure envelope)

YES: I'd like to volunteer. Please contact me at the number/e-mail above
(please circle "yes" if interested)

YES: I'd like to donate _____
for the value of \$_____

(we will contact you to follow up)

For more information about the ADA at 20 celebration, please contact Jason Beloungy at 1-800-362-9877, ext. 229, or by e-mail at: jasonb@accesstoind.org