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Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month News Release



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"Together" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2011

Maryland Community Connection and other related organizations celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March 2011, and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Together."

Statewide, and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "Together" encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins.

"This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the individuals we serve," said André Coates, Executive Director.

"During 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we encourage people to learn more about the 600 people in this community who have developmental disabilities and to recognize that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live. 'Together' we can accomplish more."

Maryland Community Connection will kick off its recognition of March as DD Awareness Month with (your event). (Your event) will be (date) at (place).

(Describe event.) Other activities planned for March include: (some suggestions are... library displays, weekly features on individuals in local newspapers, and presentations to schools and community groups) During March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability. You'll learn that everyone has something to offer and that *and when we are all together our communities are stronger, we accomplish more, and everyone wins!*

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