

**San Antonio Independent Living Services
presents**

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 21st Anniversary Celebration

Friday, July 29, 2011

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**401 Villita
San Antonio, TX 78205**

A Special Tribute to Families with Disabilities



**Unity Pride Stroll begins at 8:30 am
at 524 W. Commerce (El Mercado) to 401 Villita**



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El Mercado

524 W. Commerce - El Mercado

- 8:00 am Gather at El Mercado (524 W. Commerce)
8:30 am Welcome by Gloria Banik, SAILS Director of Programs and Resource Development
Music - Sign of the Times - Methodist Mission Home
8:40 am Let's Stroll Speech - Marilyn Weber, Deaf Interpreter Services

Villita Building

Villita Assembly Building (401 Villita St.)

- 9:30 am Welcome - Kitty L. Brietzke, J.D., Executive Director of SAILS
9:45 am Welcome and Presentation of the Colors
National Anthem by Mia Romero
10:00 am Invocation by Rev. Jim de Hoog
10:15 am Proclamation - Governor's Office, City of San Antonio
10:20 am Special Recognition of the Methodist Mission Home SCHI and Executive Director Jennifer Sample
10:25 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Dr. Kitty Brietzke and SAILS Board Chair Ms. Frann Wright
Keynote Speaker: Jason Pipoly
10:45 am Presentation of Awards by Gloria Banik
Large Employer Award, Public Servant Award, Small Employer Award, Media Awards,
Individual Advocacy Awards, Personal Attendant, Organizations of the Year, Innovation Award
11:00 am Visit Vendor booths, enjoy food by HEB and music by Dreams Fulfilled Through Music
Drawings for the Door Prizes
1:00 pm Closing Remarks and Gratitudes

Honoring Methodist Mission Home Southwest Center for Higher Independence and Jennifer Sample

Jennifer Sample has been the Executive Director of Methodist Mission Home (MMH) since 2002. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Incarnate Word University with a BBA in Marketing. Using her business management and marketing skills, she has led the Methodist Mission Home from the brink of closing its doors to a position of financial stability with growth and expansion in programs and services.

Today, the MMH campus is transformed as a vibrant, interactive community providing a transitional education of vocational and life skills to young adults with disabilities through Southwest Center for Higher Independence (SCHI), Adoption Services to pregnant teens and young women considering adoption, and the Genesis Cooperative collaboration between other non-profit agencies co-located on the campus and serving people with disabilities and women recovering from substance abuse with their dependent children,.

MMH has completed a \$3.8-million Phase 1 in the campus renovation project and raised almost 1 million in endowment. The Phase 2 renovation goal of \$5.5 million is underway with an additional 1 million goal in endowment that will include a Greenhouse/Garden as a vocational training opportunity for MMH residents and others in the community interested in healthy foods and habits.



Jennifer Sample
Executive Director, MMH

**Senator Van de Putte**

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist for more than 31 years, represents a large portion of San Antonio and Bexar County. A former-five term state representative, she is now serving her fifth term as a Texas State Senator for District 26. She has served as the Chair of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus since 2003, a position she held until June of this year. Nationally, Senator

Van de Putte served as Co-Chair of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. She has been actively involved in the National Conference of State Legislatures, serving as President from 2006 to 2007. She is an active member of the National Assessment Governing Board, the American Legacy Foundation Board, and the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators where she served as President from 2003 to 2005.

Senator Van de Putte was a Kellogg Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1993. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, and is a 1973 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas. Senator Van de Putte currently lives in San Antonio with her husband of 33 years, Pete, and has six children: Nichole, Vanessa, Henry, Gregory, Isabella, and Paul. She is also the proud grandmother of two grandsons, Julian and Jove.

Jason Pipoly

Jason R. Pipoly was born in 1971 in Cleveland Ohio. In 1980 Jason's father Carl Pipoly swam the English Channel in 15 hours. While in England Jason learned about the history involved with swimming the English Channel and decided to try to become the youngest person ever to swim the Channel. In 1982 at the age of 11 Jason lasted 8 ½ hours swimming 17 miles before having to be pulled out due to fatigue and hypothermia. The effort earned Jason a trip onto the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Jason earned a Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in 1995 from the University of Colorado. In 1998 while driving in the mountains in the winter Jason was in a single car accident and became a T8 paraplegic. Jason vowed to go back and try to swim the Channel again.

In 2002 Jason became the second paraplegic in the world to swim the English channel. In 2003 Jason became the first paraplegic to swim the Catalina Channel. In 2004 Jason joined In Flight Dance Company where he performed all over San Antonio and most importantly is where he meet his wife Vanessa Vance Pipoly. Jason with film maker Hans Rosenwinkle is producing a documentary about his swimming accomplishments.

Exhibitors

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 Alamo Mobility, Inc.
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 BBVA Compass
 Caring Senior Services
 Centair Wellness
 CTD Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
 DARS Division for Rehabilitation Services
 DARS Division for Blind Services
 Deaf Interpreter Services
 DFPS Adult Protective Services
 Disability Rights Texas (Advocacy)
 Dreams Fulfilled through Music

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 Evercare
 Fair Housing Council
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