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**Spinal Cord Research
Benefit 2006**

**Scott Remington Annual Fundraiser
Saturday April 8th in Brant Lake, New York**

Starting at 1pm and not ending until you drop!
Admission is \$10 and all proceeds go to spinal cord research.

Well known for its huge door prizes and generous raffle, this event is the place to be in April!

Our own Craig Kennedy will be speaking at this fundraiser and Access Anything is proud to have support from Eureka Tents for this fundraiser as well.

For more on Scott Remington see:

www.scottrem.com
[Just An Accident](#)

UPDATES FROM ACCESS ANYTHING

Keep sending us your updates, clippings, and tidbits to put in the newsletters; we appreciate sharing any and all information on adaptive travel!

There are no new updates to Access Anything: Colorado this month.

Egypt Has it All & New York Chefs “Cooking for Life” present the most extravagant culinary gala in history:



THE LIVING & PYRAMIDS

Thursday July 20th, 2006, 7pm to 11pm

at the *Mena House Oberoi*, Cairo, EGYPT
www.oberoimena.com



An evening in the shadow of the Pyramids, Egyptian Music, Dance, and Food by some of the Finest Chefs in the World for advancing the **SATH** mission to create awareness for the needs of people with disabilities. All proceeds from this event will be used by SATH to promote accessibility programs in Egypt and beyond.

Using Egyptian ingredients, 20 New York City chefs will prepare a variety of culinary delights that showcase their gastronomic skills. The chefs will be selected by popular voting on <http://www.nyccl.com/LivingPyramids.htm>. Each chef will be receiving two tickets, 4-day, 3-nights hotel accommodation, Dinner on Nile, and Sightseeing tour of Cairo, courtesy [Egypt Has It All](http://www.egypthasitall.com).

For more on Egypt Has It All see April's Newsletter's Company Highlight Section and until then, visit their page on disability travel: <http://www.egypthasitall.com/wheelchairtravel>



Twenty five years ago, the sight of a disabled Moroccan woman crawling across a dirt road planted a seed that germinated in 1999 when Don Schoendorfer, founder of Free Wheelchair Mission, invested his education and professional expertise as a PhD Mechanical Engineer to create a simple, rugged, and inexpensive

wheelchair.

In wealthy countries, a disabled person can get a wheelchair, however, there are over 100,000,000 disabled adults and children for whom the dream of a wheelchair is worlds beyond their expectations. They live without this basic form of mobility by crawling through life or waiting for a loved one to carry them to fulfill the simplest of needs--the disabled and the family members are thereby restricted from a full life.

A small fractional percentage of these folks are served by charitable organizations which ship re-conditioned wheelchairs or conventional-design wheelchairs to poor countries - a very costly and inefficient process.

Our vision has been implemented by contracting with manufacturers in China and over 70,000 wheelchairs have been delivered in over 46 countries. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a world map and statistics of deliveries. We've developed distribution partnerships with charitable organizations so that wheelchairs can be given free of charge. **Our vision: To deliver 20 million wheelchairs by 2010.**

Most of us take for granted our ability to move about. From infancy, a person's ability to move can determine one's fate and accomplishments. In more developed countries the disabled are acknowledged and provisions are made to help them stay in the mainstream of life as much as possible. This is not the case worldwide. Many are either born with physical disabilities or suffer the loss of mobility through war, disaster, sickness or old age. These are the people that FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION reaches out to help by restoring their dignity and providing mobility.

\$44.40 INCLUDES SHIPPING TO A DEVELOPING COUNTRY

The plan was to ship the wheelchair in a kit - for two reasons. One reason is that they take up less space that way. We can pack 550 kits in a standard 40 foot container. The second reason is that in most countries the labor to assemble a kit will be very low. With little training, someone who is good with his or her hands can make three wheelchairs in one hour.



This week's accomplishments:

Three containers arrived in Peru, two in Kenya, three in Kuwait on way to Iraq, and one in Indonesia.

Containers are in route to Ghana, Uganda (2), Mexico, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Nicaragua, India, Chile (2), Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

Visit www.freewheelchairmission.org for more on how these amazing chairs are made.



World of Possibilities Disabilities Expo

May 19-21, 2006, Timonium, Maryland

EXPO ANNOUNCEMENT: Caring Communities is excited to announce that the World of Possibilities Disabilities Expo is scheduled for May 19-21, 2006 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium Maryland.

Vendor space is still available.

New to the Expo this year, we are adding an extra day to enjoy the exhibits, featuring SUNDAY as IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES AUTISM

DAY. Pathfinders for Autism <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/>, the sponsoring organization will work with Caring Communities to plan this incredible day that will highlight an autism pavilion of support resources, target autism-related augmentative communication/assistive technology exhibitors, schedule autism-related workshops and more! All within the existing World of Possibilities Disabilities Expo!

You should not miss the World of Possibilities Disabilities Expo if you are a family caregiver, individual with a disability, senior citizen, baby-boomer, healthcare provider or educator!

World of Possibilities is the largest and most anticipated disabilities event in the Mid-Atlantic Region which includes three full days of: *Durable medical products and resources * Assistive and adaptive equipment * Local agencies and support groups * Informative workshops * Free benefits planning and help desk * Product demonstrations * Exhibitors and attendees from across America (and outside the U.S.) * Art Exhibits * Strolling entertainers * Raffles and giveaways * Celebrities and mascots * Free wheelchair rentals and Free repair services! * First aid station on site * Personal care attendants *

Free admission (donations are greatly appreciated!) and free parking.

The 2006 Expos will be bigger and better!

Contact Caring Communities at 1-866-227-4644 or visit

www.caringcommunities.org



Crip Commentary Blog

News and views on disability rights, disability culture, daily life, world events and much more

Monthly Travel Tip

ARUBA

Proud to Be Accessible

Of the Caribbean Islands, Aruba boasts among the best in accessibility. Among their boasts are dialysis facilities, a completely renovated airport to ADA standards, agreements with the US on service dog entry, adaptive beach chairs, and an [online guide](#) to lodging with fine details on roll-in showers.

Known for much more than its beautiful beaches, Aruba is home to some fascinating museums, a unique downtown with a variety of restaurants, casinos and nightclubs, as well as a plethora of natural sights. The list of natural wonders in Aruba is extensive, including a natural rock bridge and many rock formations, sand dunes, a natural hidden pool, historic Gold Mills, caves, a butterfly farm and a bird sanctuary.

If the abundance of things to do on land isn't enough to fill your vacation, you can also spend your entire trip on water as well. With options for fishing, parasailing, boating, sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, wind surfing, kite surfing, and underwater tours, one could truly not spend a single day on the island if desired.

With an impeccable safety record and no local poverty, Aruba's accessibility furthers its reputation of high standards and welcoming invitation. Aruba is also first of the islands to research and publish an access guide. Started in October of 2005 in conjunction with writers from the Open Doors Organization, the guide should be out sometime in late 2006. We hope to use it one day!

For more information on Aruba, see www.aruba.com.

ARUBA



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Calendar of Events

MARCH

3/10-17 – [Paralympics](#) in Torino, Italy

3/10-14 – [Steamboat All Mountain Ski Camp](#)

APRIL

4/1 – NRHN Rehabilitation Center (*Speaking event*)

4/8 - [Scott Remington Annual Fundraiser](#) for Spinal Cord Research and The Christopher Reeve Foundation, Brant Lake, NY

4/20-21 – Chicago festival of Disability Arts and Culture, Chicago IL

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5/18-21 – World Of Possibilities Expo, Timonium, MD

5/18-21 – Book Expo America, Washington DC



BITS

Links

Portable Access Shower: www.faws-sit.com

For the low price of \$300 per day, you can ski indoors in Dubai:

www.skidubai.ae

Monthly Stat

By 2012 every motorcoach in the US will have an access lift thanks to a DOT enforcement. This includes Greyhound, city tour busses, city busses, and private rentals. For a current list of operators with lifts, see www.buses.org.

Factoid

The ADA is not a building code amendment, it's a civil rights amendment.



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