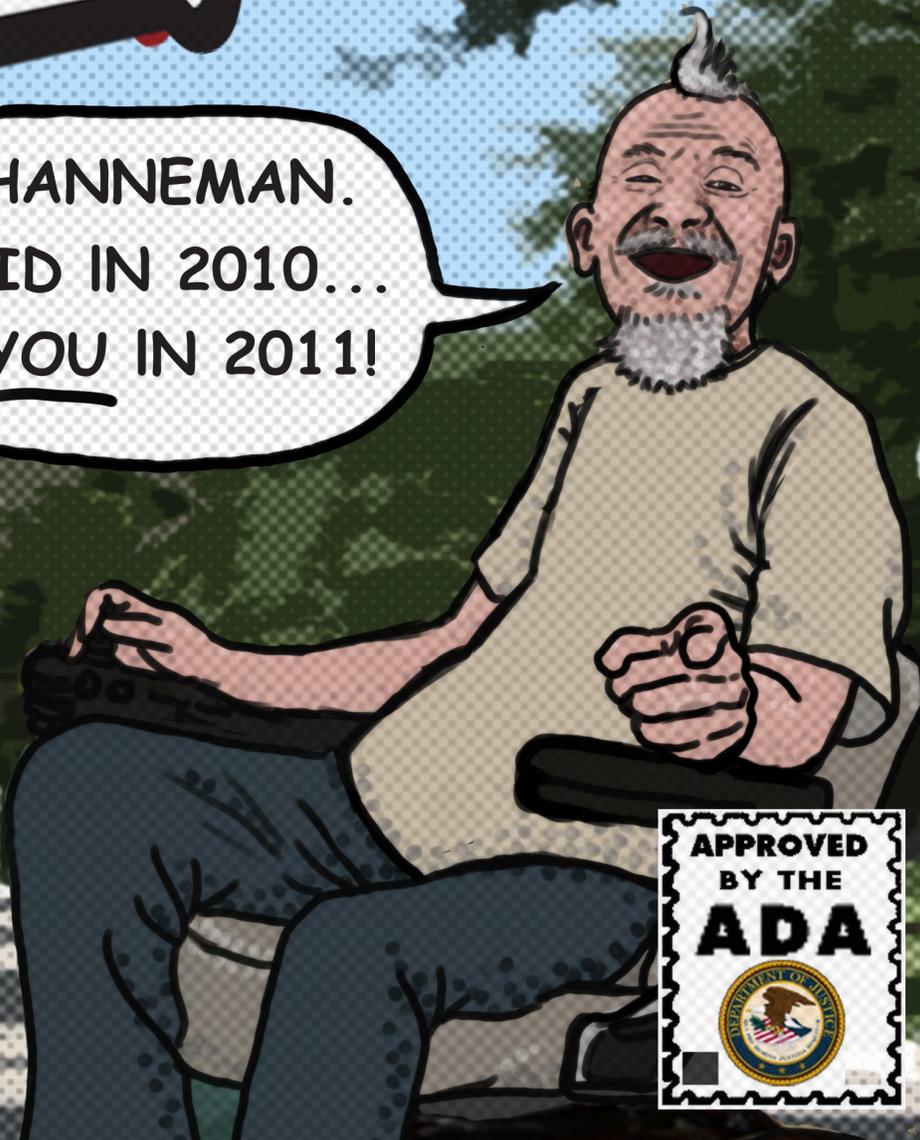


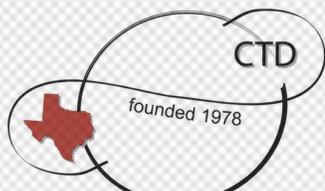
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# A Letter from CTD's Executive Director

Dear Friend of Disability Advocacy,

If you are reading this, you've noticed the cover to our 2010 Annual Report. It's not your ordinary report cover, but neither are these ordinary times. I ask you to review this report not just to see what we did in 2010 but to think in terms of 2011. That's why Rodney Hanneman's pointing at **you**: We need **you** in 2011!

About Rodney: this long time CTD member is currently Vice President of our Board of Directors. He lives modestly and quietly in San Antonio, except for when speaking out as a consistent and committed advocate! He finds the time, the energy and the resources to make sure his voice is heard. We all can, and should, follow Rodney's example!

**Why the urgency?** Because I believe that **2011 is the most critical year for effective advocacy in a generation.** The Texas Legislature will struggle with a budget shortfall estimated to be \$25 billion. Decisions made in 2011 may well extend for decades. Make no mistake, **services to people with disabilities are on the chopping block.** CTD needs your active support to be successful. We are not asking, **we are telling you to get personally involved.**

**In 2010, CTD has been preparing:** testifying before interim legislative committees, helping to organize rallies and press conferences; representing you on work groups, boards and committees; reaching out to other groups to develop strong working partnerships; educating the general public with innovative public awareness events; strengthening our communications capacity with electronic newsletters, social media and websites. Take a look, and make your own conclusions.

For a Barrier-Free Society,



Dennis Borel, Executive Director



## CTD Staff, 2011

**Back row, left to right:**  
Rachel Griffin, William Greer, Bryson Smith, Dennis Borel, Tanya Barrow, Erica Ysla

**Front row, left to right:**  
Sarah Watkins, Susie Angel, Chase Bearden

# Who else makes CTD's work possible?

## CTD Board of Directors:

<b>Executive Committee:</b>	<b>At-Large Members:</b>	
<b>President</b> Crystal Lyons	<b>Region 1</b> Eric Reed	<b>Region 5</b> Judy Telge
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### Consumer Directed Services

CTD's in-house CDS Agency, staffed by Rachel Griffin and Bryson Smith, grew by leaps and bounds in 2010! Thanks to a grant from the OneStar Foundation, we expanded to the San Antonio area, and we now provide CDS services to 120 individuals with disabilities who employ personal attendants. In 2011, we plan to extend our reach into the Dallas/ Ft. Worth Metroplex.

### CTD's Summer Youth Intern Brandon Rummel

On July 26th, 2010, the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26th turned 20 years old. To celebrate, we put our summer intern, Brandon Rummel, to work creating a commemorative rock music video. Set to Bob Seger's "Feel Like a Number" and the Beatles' "Birthday," the video pans through 20 years of CTD photos. Visit our YouTube page to check out Brandon's fine work:

<http://tinyurl.com/23tafwg>



# Advocacy

Getting involved in governmental advocacy means working toward a goal by way of public policy and legislation. Public policy has a tremendous effect on the lives of all Texans, not to mention those with disabilities. Every year, CTD meets with lawmakers, governmental groups, and fellow advocates to help advance legislation that will improve the lives of Texans with disabilities.

## Advocates Round Table (ART)

ART is an informal gathering of cross-disability advocates, typically meeting once per month to discuss state budget issues. CTD and ADAPT founded the ART in order to prepare seniors and people with disabilities for a highly challenging advocacy environment, share information, and cultivate collaborations.

Invest in Community is the brand of ART's state budget advocacy campaign. In 2010, we organized a rally on Sept. 1 (right) at the Capitol, called a press conference on the Faces of Medicaid on Dec. 8, and are holding a petition drive to communicate to our legislators that cuts to health and human services are a bad idea!



## CTD Provided Testimony...

- for a study on Managed Care conducted by the Health and Human Services Commission
- to the State Comptroller, regarding durable medical equipment & supplies procurement
- at the Texas Department of Insurance hearing, on drug switching
- on interim charges to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Jurisprudence Commission, and to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee
- at a public hearing for DARS' Legislative Appropriations Request...plus many more!

## CTD Conducted Advocacy Trainings for...

- Texas Advanced Leadership & Advocacy Council, on critical public policy issues
- Goodwill Public Policy Committee
- State Independent Living Council Conference
- Volar CIL's Our Lives Conference (El Paso), on public policy
- Family Support Conference (Kerrville)
- Down Syndrome state meeting

# Advocacy

## Cost-effective Community Services, NOT Institutions

CTD testified, presented and spoke to numerous groups about why institutions just don't work. It should be **easier to relocate from nursing facilities**. State Supported Living Centers' **census has declined for over 15 years**, which is driving their costs sky-high. **Forensic patients are clogging the state hospital system**, even though Texas has operated four **successful pilots** for restoration in jails or at home.

To address this problem, we suggest 1) For nursing facilities: strengthen **relocation services**, improve **discharge planning** from hospitals and rehab facilities, and implement **diversion programs**. 2) **Consolidate SSLCs**. 3) Adopt **community mental health restoration** for forensics.

**NET SAVINGS PER PERSON: 30- 50%**

## Committees & Workgroups

- Governor Appointments:  
State Independent Living Council  
Texas Board of Architectural Examiners  
Texas Rehabilitation Council
- CORE Foundation Board
- Texas Rowing For All Board
- Promoting Independence Advisory Council (HHSC)
- Home & Community Services Workforce Advisory Council
- STAR Plus Stakeholders (HHSC)
- DADS Waiting List Stakeholders
- State Bar of Texas-Texas Lawyers for Texas Vets Committee
- Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Advisory Committee (DARS)
- Texas Forward Coalition

## In 2011, CTD will...

### ... pursue the Texas Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR)

At least 3,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) are confined to nursing homes and, according to the State, virtually none of them have been evaluated for treatment and services due them under Texas law. The PASARR system is designed to identify individuals with ID/DD, review them for appropriate services and determine whether these individuals may be served in the community. CTD will partner as a plaintiff organization with Advocacy Inc. to discuss with the State corrective action regarding these individuals and, if negotiations prove unsatisfactory, file a lawsuit.

### ... continue the Invest in Community Campaign

Along with ART partners, CTD will continue to pressure the state to maintain budgets for community based services, which is a sound financial move and beneficial to Texans with disabilities and seniors.

### ... advocate during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session.

CTD will work on multiple bills on healthcare access, civil rights, employment, recreational access, and more. Stay tuned for action alerts and other ways you can help!



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Collaborating with legislators and similar organizations is only part of CTD's work. If we are to realize a truly barrier free society, then the rest of the population has to be on our side! That's why CTD takes pride in our public awareness events and educational campaigns that celebrate people with disabilities and call attention to the disability community and issues.

# Education & Awareness

## Annual Convention

CTD's 32nd Annual Convention was held in El Paso this year with the Volar Center for Independent Living. This year's theme, *Our Voice, Our Vote* focused on the elections and featured 3 days of workshops on self-advocating during the 2011 legislative session. Candidate for governor Bill White (D), Barbara Ann Radnofsky (D), candidate for Attorney General of Texas, and other candidates from both parties spoke at the conference about their vision and plan for Texas in 2011. In addition to the political forums and speakers, CTD and Volar implemented panels on health and



Bill White (L) speaks with CTD member Jennifer McPhail (bottom R)

## VOTEXAS

CTD worked on the Texas Secretary of State's campaign to reach out to Texas voters with disabilities. CTD staff provided input on messaging to voters with disabilities and poll worker training. We also traveled across the state to demonstrate accessible technology used at the polls and encourage ALL Texans to vote!

## Pedestrian Safety Video

CTD produced a video and Power Point presentation for the American Council of the Blind, Texas: **Driver Awareness/ Pedestrian Safety**. The video was approved by the Texas Dept. of Transportation and sent to some 4500 employers across the state.

**Driver Awareness:  
Pedestrians with Disabilities**  
American Council of the Blind of Texas



## Presentations:

- **Medicaid Buy-In Option Trainings** for Training & Rehabilitative Disability Institute in San Antonio, multiple groups in El Paso, & as a webinar
- Presentation: **The Business Case for Hiring People with Disabilities**, TWC Navigators' Conference.
- Presentation & Interactive Exhibit for the Secretary of State Elec. Law Seminar
- Presentation: Mental Health Issues to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities
- Presentation: **Adaptive Rowing** to the Austin Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities
- Presentation: **Scouting for Boys with Disabilities** at Scout University (Boy Scouts)

**CTD Messenger**  
The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
April 2010: Accessing the Arts

**In this issue**  
Crisis as Opportunity  
Inclusive Theater  
CTD Film Fest

**In Brief...**  
Announcing:  
**Pen 2 Paper**  
CTD's first ever creative writing contest!

**Crisis as Opportunity: Advocacy, too, is an Art**  
Regular readers will recognize the Chinese character for "crisis" (left) that combines the ideas of "danger" and "opportunity." Amidst the crises of the national economic downturn and state budget cuts, CTD is creating opportunities and working innovatively to advocate for quality, cost-effective public policies to benefit people with disabilities. As with a piece of art, working to improve the lives of Texans with disabilities requires creative thinking, resourcefulness, and vision.

The state could take a page from the book of individuals who must work outside the box in order to serve the disability community. For example, relocation contractors draw upon their right brain in supporting the transference of persons with complex needs from nursing facilities to the community. This involves a variety of tasks, from locating housing and

CTD's Newsletter, the Messenger, gives our members monthly or bi-monthly updates about what we're up to! In 2010, the theme that tied it all together was **Crisis as Opportunity**.

# CTD in the Arts...

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival** was held October 14th-16th this year at the Goodwill Community Center and the Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar. With the Drafthouse selling out on both nights and over 300 attendees, it's safe to say the film fest had another wildly successful year. Featured screenings were *Marwencol*, *Warrior Champions*, and the multiple Emmy-winning *Temple Grandin*. Australian animator of "LaserBeak Man" Tim Sharpe spoke to our audience Saturday night, and we premiered CTD's exclusive interview with Dr. Temple Grandin.

2010 Short Film Competition Finalists included

#### Scholastic Film Makers:

Seeing Through the Lens- Michelle Smith,  
Laurie Cherry-White, Ashley Bernard/ Judges Pick  
Yakety Yak- Rachel Williams/ Audience Favorite  
The Pirate and the Mermaid- Arpeggio Films

#### Emerging Film Makers:

Mothersbain- Jason Jakaitis/ Judges Pick  
Deaf Mugger- William Mager/ Audience Favorite  
A Life Less Ordinary / Let Me In - Michael Ciccone,  
Ray Jacobs



Dennis Borel (left) interviews  
Dr. Temple Grandin



This April, CTD put out a call for submissions for **Pen 2 Paper**, our first disability-focused creative writing contest. It was open to Texans of any age to voice their stories, perspectives, fears, and discoveries about disability. As soon as we posted the announcement about the contest, we started hearing from folks across the state, and by the end of the contest, we had received over 60 entries! Contestants submitted so many wonderful works of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, that it was difficult to select Pen 2 Paper's FIRST Grand Prize winner: Jason Minor for his short story, *A Dance in the Woods*. Read this, and ALL winning entries at [www.cotwd.org/pen2paper.html](http://www.cotwd.org/pen2paper.html).

The response from contestants, sponsors, judges, and volunteers was so positive, that we've already started preparing for the second year of Pen 2 Paper in 2011!

# ... and in Sports!



CTD and Speaker of the House Joe Straus hosted the **Haitian National Amputee Soccer Team** for a friendly match with city players on the Capitol grounds in mid November, after competing in the World Cup of Amputee Soccer. Local players included CTD's Dennis Borel, Goodwill CEO Jerry Davis, Integral Care Medical Director Jim Van Norman, local soccer legend Bacilio Mata and Amerigroup VP David Escame. The team is touring America to raise awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities and generate support for a long term therapeutic recreation program in Haiti.

# CTD IN THE MEDIA



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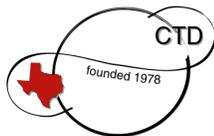
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