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# New Hope

Mays Mission for the Handicapped, Inc.



## *Looking To The Future*

As any company or organization that intends to succeed knows, one must plan for the future. Goals and objectives for the near-, short- and long-term must be set with a plan in place on how to attain them. Sometimes it's just a bit more difficult for a nonprofit organization such as Mays Mission for the Handicapped to achieve the dreams of their future as we greatly depend on the generosity of our loyal and faithful donors.



After fifty years of service, employing the disabled still remains at the top of our list of goals and we are excited to say we have employed two new employees with disabilities. These new employees are looking

forward to the opportunities Mays Mission is providing them for 2023.

Akin to employment is education. Our scholarship program currently assists students with disabilities in four-year study programs throughout the nation. In the past we have graduated educators, financial advisors, lawyers and a variety of other vocations. Having the funding to assist every applicant

is an unparalleled goal and would be a dream come true!

Our *Faith in Action Caregivers Alliance* remains a national referral service allowing people from all over the country to call Mays Mission and find assistance in their own community. Expanding advertising for this program would be of great value to all.

“We desperately need to expand our donor base,” said president Sherry Niehaus. “With the pandemic and supply chain shortages that have occurred around the world, charitable giving toward our cause has decreased. We realize that our donors are caring benevolent people. Whenever things like this happen our funding suffers.”



A few of our employees expressed personal goals for the coming year. Some want to be better organized and make better and more efficient use of their time while others

would like to buy new furniture for their home.

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by handicapped personnel.**

### Mission Statement

Dedicated to serving people with disabilities and enhancing their quality of life. Educating the public that, given the opportunity, people with disabilities can succeed and become productive citizens.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mays Mission for the Handicapped offers hope to people who no one else may care about. The Mission provides worthwhile employment to handicapped persons from all walks of life and teaches the word of God in accordance with Christian ethics and principles.

In addition, Mays Mission sponsors activities for handicapped children; assists disabled adults to find proper housing, transportation, or medical attention; and makes grants to other institutions or organizations to benefit the handicapped, such as hospitals.

While Mays Mission will assist any handicapped individual to the maximum extent possible, the Mission is focused on serving those in rural Arkansas and the Ozark Mountains region, an area that is generally economically depressed and suffers from a relatively high unemployment rate—hence few job opportunities for the disabled.

A primary purpose is to help handicapped persons improve their job skills through on-the-job training and, in addition, to create jobs for them. A main objective is to help the employees who are being trained to achieve economic stability and independence in their lives. Therefore, it is most important that the collateral purpose of assisting them to obtain better employment is carried forth with as much vigor as the actual training.

In addition to its employment and training programs for handicapped, the Mission also provides spiritual guidance to handicapped persons who are home- or bed-bound or live in a residential care facility through its visitation program.

Mays Mission also educates the public that, with appropriate training, individuals with disabilities are “handicapable” and serves as a “school for citizenship” both to encourage employers to hire the handicapped and to teach the public how to interact with disabled individuals, particularly in the workplace.

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As we press forward into 2023 we hope to accomplish many of the tasks mentioned above. We at Mays Mission for the Handicapped don't want this to be “just another year” where we state our desires and dreams for another 365 days. It would be so exciting to see a few of our goals become reality. It's probably unrealistic to expect all of our goals to be met, but there's something that no one can take away and that's ‘hope.’ Probably the best goal we can set for everyone is to “keep hope alive.”

Please keep Mays Mission in your thoughts and prayers. Spread the word about the work we do and ask your friends and family to consider supporting our efforts and assist us in attaining our goals. With your help and God's, nothing is out of reach!



For more information on Mays Mission or for ideas on ways you can help, call us at 1-888-503-7955 or send us an email at [info@maysmission.org](mailto:info@maysmission.org) today. Thank you and have a blessed new year.

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CAMPERSHIPS

**“It's ability, not disability, that counts!”**

-- Coined by our founder, Ewing W. Mays, in 1967



# Disability Forum

A New Year always brings about a time of reflection, celebration and resolution. We think back on the good times and, too, some things we would rather forget and put behind us.

One of the bright spots here at Mays Mission is the fact that over half of our production department is people with disabilities. It's pleasing to see people attempting to make something of their lives when it may be just as easy to sit back in an "easy chair" and do nothing. These people have made the decision to work for a living.

It always thrills me to see someone trying to better themselves by contributing to the system instead of being a burden on it. Although some of them may not make it in the outside world of helter-skelter competition, they choose to work here at Mays Mission.

One of the goals of our mission is to educate the public about the potential of

people with disabilities. We do this not only through outreach programs but also through the printing of brochures and the "New Hope" newsletter you are reading. This is printed, folded, inserted and mailed by our employees.

Our disabled employees put their heart and soul into this publication. We offer them the opportunity to work and be productive. When they seize this opportunity, in my opinion it's reason to celebrate!

Here's wishing you and your family and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Call us at 1-888-503-7955 or send us an email at [info@maysmission.org](mailto:info@maysmission.org) for a free copy of our brochure "On-The-Job Training." And thank you for all you do for people with disabilities.



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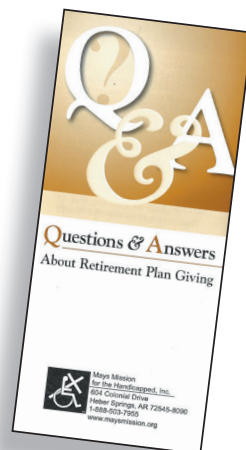
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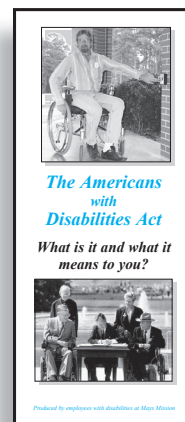
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A number of thoughtful people, desiring to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one, are sending memorials in the form of contributions to the Mission. Families of those whose memories are so honored are notified of the contributions by an appropriate card, and the names are listed in an issue of our newsletter without mention of the amount of the contribution.