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New Hope

Mays Mission for the Handicapped, Inc.



God Bless
America

Accessibility is for everyone!

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law over 33 years ago but there are still accessibility issues being faced by disabled individuals everyday. Recently

a quadriplegic Denver City Council member made headlines when he had to crawl on to a stage with no ramps due to inaccessibility. The Councilman said he felt “humiliated.”

The councilman, Chris Hinds, said “My thought process was, I have to participate in this debate or end my campaign.”

After struggling to get onstage and several people trying to lift his chair on to the stage, eventually organizers agreed to have the debate on the main floor so Hinds could sit in his wheelchair.



Accessibility is still one of the most sought-after solutions to people with disabilities, especially in urban and rural areas.

Let city and county officials, as well as business owners, know



the crucial need for accessibility in these areas. There are literally millions of people with disabilities and elderly citizens who would benefit from it!

Call us or email us at info@maysmission.org for some of our brochures like “Making Your Community Accessible” or “The Americans with Disabilities Act” free of charge. These brochures were produced by individuals with disabilities. Share these brochures in your community and let them know *accessibility is for everyone!*

Thank you for your support and everything your donations make possible for people with disabilities!





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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.

Memorials

Viola May Taylor Hand
(she was born without a hip
socket and raised five kids)

By: Glenda Gilliland

Unknown

By: William Burr

Unknown

By: George R. Slater

Margaret “Margie” Lyons

By: John H. Lyons

Unknown

By: Denny Morehead

Unknown

Charles E. Thomas

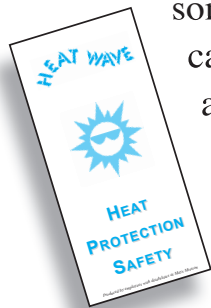
Thank You Veterans!



You Can Help...

Summer time means hot temperatures and spending more time outdoors. Heat protection safety is always something to consider but for a person with a disability this is even more important. If someone you know could use

some tips to avoid overheating this summer please call us toll-free at 1-888-503-7955 or visit us at info@maysmission.org and ask for a free copy of our brochure “Heat Wave” which was produced by disabled employees right here at Mays Mission.



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CAMPERSHIPS
National
Referral
Service
SCHOLARSHIPS



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Summertime Patriotism



There's something about summertime that brings out the patriotism in me. Maybe it's the warm weather and people getting out more and becoming more active. We are out doing yard work and giving our communities a fresh new look.

One thing that inspires more patriotic feelings over the summer is that during this time of year we honor and celebrate our nation through more patriotic holidays and events. On May 29th we celebrate Memorial Day, a time we set aside every year to renew our dedication to the principles brave men and women have died for. They gave their best to ensure our democratic way of life.

For Mays Mission it's an extra special time. Our founder, Ewing W. Mays, was a disabled veteran and a double amputee. Ewing Mays lost both legs during a mortar attack in Sicily during World War II. He knew well the suffering that disabled people must endure in a world accessible to able-bodied persons.

Mays began touring hospitals and talking with veterans who needed someone to listen to them and could well relate to the troubles and obstacles they were now facing. Ewing would show them they too could live a normal life even though they may have a minor handicap. As he was touring the country, he realized he needed money to help with expenses. Ewing came up with the idea to hire people with disabilities to do the work instead of hiring work out to other companies. The Mission opened its doors in its current location, the New Hope Center, in 1982. Ewing was proud of his dream.

Although Ewing W. Mays passed away in 1994, his hard work and dedication is not forgotten. People here are committed to carrying on his work. Today, over 50 percent of the Mission's production team is employees with disabilities.



President Truman and Mays Mission founder E.W. Mays

This summer we will also honor our nation's flag on Flag Day (June 14th) and our nation's birth on Independence Day (July 4th). But 'independence' means more than just our nation's freedom.

Here at Mays Mission we offer independence to our disabled

employees, fulfilling our founder's dream and giving these disabled individuals opportunity, purpose and better quality of life.

If you would like more information on disabilities, please call us at 888-503-7955 or email us at info@maysmission.org and ask for our brochures on various subjects.



The Flag being raised at Mays Mission

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You Can Help...



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MEMORIALS

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING
FOREVER

PLEASE PRINT

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Mrs.

Miss _____

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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.