

# THE DISABILITY CONNECTION OF MISSISSIPPI

## A Holiday Gift that gives all year!

### MISSION

Our Mission is "Creating a Connected Community to inform, assist, and participate in collaborations that engage people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities- eliminating barriers, and fostering cooperation and understanding".

DC is dedicated to providing The Connection, an internet resource center, Cfriends, a connecting friends social network, and a variety of interconnected events and special projects to serve our friends with disabilities in Mississippi. Please visit the first Disability Connection Community Playground located at Bruce Ladner Memorial Park, just west of Hwy 49 on Hwy 53 in Harrison County.

**PROVIDING** resource information to people with disabilities through The Connection Resource Center, Resource Guides, Community Forums, and Community Events.

**CONNECTING** organizations and resources needed by individuals with disabilities through a database/search engine, monthly Disability Network Meetings and Events.

**SUPPLYING** educational tools for professionals to increase opportunities for, and awareness of solutions to issues concerning health and wellness.

**CREATING** a Social Networking Site ([www.Cfriends.org](http://www.Cfriends.org)) to enable open dialogue, manage a community event board, post current

news and information for those with disabilities and their providers.

**HOSTING** and participating in health & resource fairs, sports clinics, art fairs, community presentations, forums, and other community events that promote disability awareness, resources and activities for those with disabilities and provide a network for service providers.

**FACILITATING** some emergency client services for those with disabilities, seniors, disabled veterans, and homeless. Referral assistance to individuals who inquire.

### GULF COAST EVENTS

Celebration of Health- Feb 15  
25th Arbor Day 5K-1Mile-1/4 Mile Run/Walk/Roll-Feb 16  
Art Ability Fair - Thursday, April 11  
Mayor's Disability Awareness Health Fair - Friday, Oct. 18  
People with Disabilities/Disabled Veterans Job Fair - Thursday, Nov 7  
Disability Network Meetings

### HOW TO HELP

Join our FACEBOOK Page-Request our E-NEWSLETTER.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Every event and program provides opportunities for volunteers to assist in various ways: Web design, Data Entry, Internet Research, Event hosting (sign-in, food service, art, face-painting, children's games, health screenings, food distribution).

**DONATIONS** are appreciated including items for events, art supplies, gift cards, food, raffle items.



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