

Disability Allies Proposal

Needs Statement

People with disabilities are integrated into literally every aspect of life. They belong to wide variety of cultural, religious and status groups. The collaboration between individuals with disabilities between these different groups however is very sparse. Even within the disability community few organizations seem to work together despite sharing two common goals; giving support and promoting disability awareness. On a more positive note there are non disability related organizations that do focus on disability related issues but they are limited in scope and are not widespread. There needs to be a way to connect disability organizations, people with disabilities and the outside world together more effectively.

Goals and Objective

Our mission is to connect individuals with disabilities, disability organizations and advocates together. We will also make disability awareness a major initiative in all organizations. Ultimately our goal is to create an environment where people with disabilities and the outside world can empathize and connect with each other. We will accomplish this by developing a social media platform which will be used as a central hub to coordinate events and incentivize the disability community and the rest of the world to share ideas and work together.

Our Partnership and outreach will include a wide range of groups and organizations who may not necessarily have a daily impact on the disabilities community. This will include members of the disabilities community listed below:

Groups who have a direct impact on the disability community

- Medical and Mental health Professionals
- Special education teachers
- Students with a major in special education, psychology and disability research
- College and high school clubs and organizations that have an interest in disabilities
- Disability Organizations
- Siblings and friends of people with disabilities
- Celebrities with disabilities
- Facebook groups and blogs relating to disabilities
- Disability support groups
- Film producers that have worked with people with disabilities

Groups who may not have a daily impact on the disability community

- Religious youth and community groups
- Community Service Organizations

- College and high school clubs and organizations that do community service
- Corporate giving foundations, such as the Walmart Foundation
- Poetry and creative writing clubs
- Leadership organizations such as Youth Leadership America
- Political Organizations

Methods, Strategies or Program Design

1. Partner with the disabilities community to develop and coordinate events and activities.
2. Develop and maintain a social media outlet for members of the disabilities community to share their stories, videos, poems, ideas, talk about current events and communicate with each other.
3. Develop and maintain detailed information on all known disabilities and disability organizations. All the information will be posted on our website and made accessible to the public.

- a. Disability Organizations

- i. We will include an analysis of accomplishments, political agendas, past events and volunteer opportunities for all disability organizations.

- b. Disability Information

We will include featured personal stories from our blog, medical developments, and provide additional resources about all known disabilities.

4. Maintain a public calendar of all events involving people with disabilities and utilize social media to increase involvement.