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"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

Maya Angelou

Dear Reader.

In the spirit of **Maya Angelou's** inspiring words, here at **DRC**, we are fully engaged in planning our **48th Annual Awards Recognition Event, "Strength in Diversity."** The gala takes place on **Thursday evening, July 25, 2024, at The Grand Event Center, in Long Beach.**

disabilities. Additionally at the **Event**, college students with disabilities, two from **Long Beach City College** and two from **California State University Long Beach**, receive academic scholarships. Scholarship recipients are chosen by their colleges.

Every year, **DRC** honors individuals and organizations in four areas for their commitments to the disability community: **the Jerry Stein Independent Living Award; the Civic Leadership Award; the Community Service Award; and the Outstanding Military Veteran Scholarship.**

We are seeking nominations for these awards. Nominations are due April 15, 2024.

Our **Sponsors'** support truly helps makes the **Event** a dynamic reality. All of the money raised goes to continue providing direct programs and services for persons with disabilities in the **Greater Long Beach area.**

Please help us by being an **Event Sponsor.** For more information on supporting the **Event** as a **[Sponsor \(Click Here\)](#)**.

We are excited and enjoying our time at the **Molina Healthcare One Stop Center.** Please see article pictures below.

Additionally, please see our beautiful **[Invitation \(Click Here\)](#)** designed by our **DRC Board President, Jennifer Kumiyama. Save the date of July 25, 2024, and we hope to see you at The Grand for our 48th Annual Awards Recognition Event!**

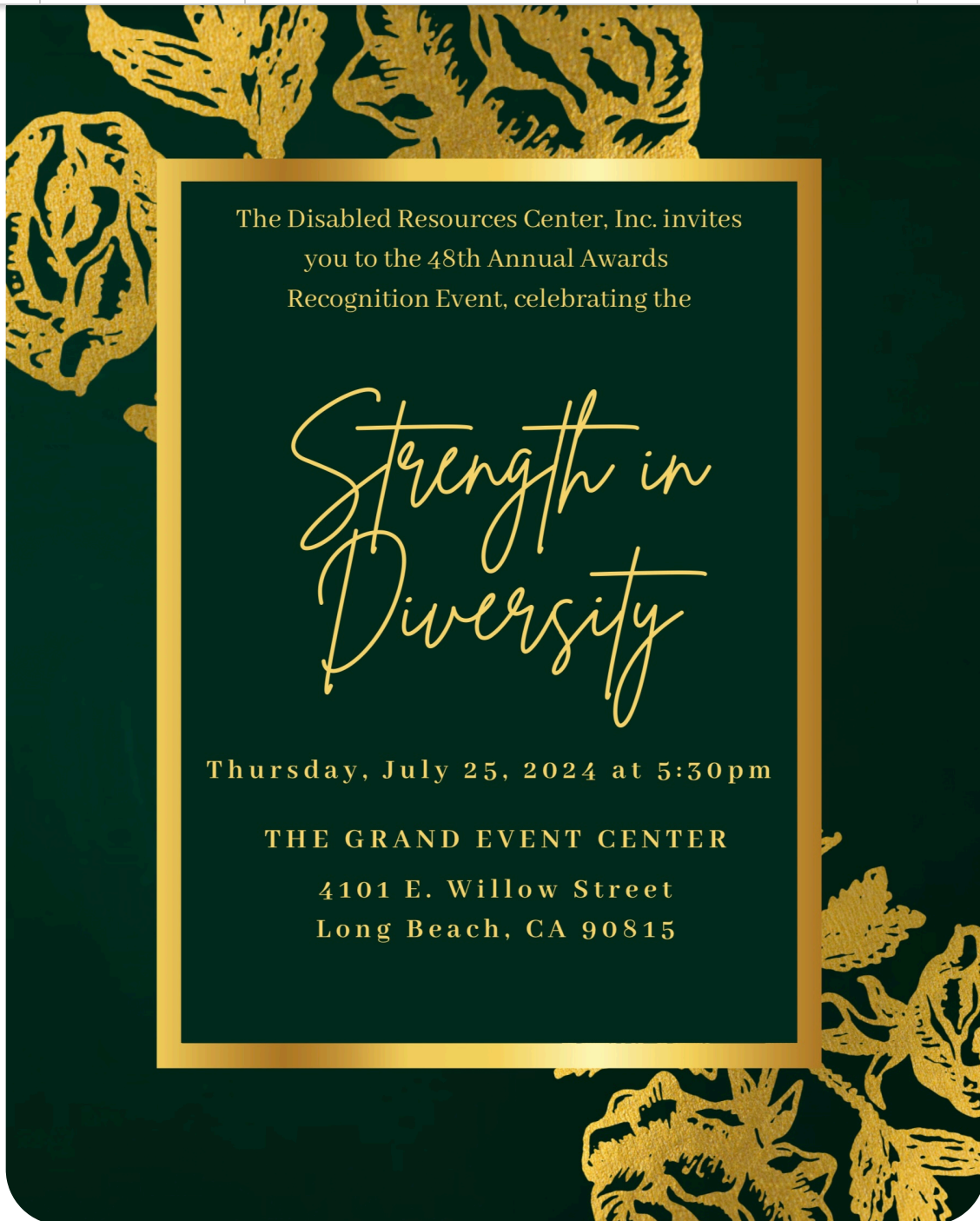
Thank you so much for your continued support of **DRC** and keeping us and our consumers in your thoughts and heart. You are really helping us make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

Fondly,

Dolores

Dolores Nason
Executive Director

Nomination Form



48th Annual Awards Recognition Event Nomination

At this time, we are seeking nominations of people who, such as yourself, have made our community a better place in which to live. Please take some time to reflect on individuals who, in your opinion, deserve to be honored at **DRC's 48th Annual Awards Recognition Event** and complete the **Nomination Form by April 15, 2024**. Nominations will be reviewed by the **Awards Event Committee** and selected by **DRC's Board of Directors**.



DRC: Disabled Resources Center, Inc.
The Key to Independence

BE A PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) Board of Directors and staff to invite you to be a Sponsor of the Center's 48th Annual Awards Recognition Event on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at The Grand Event Center in Long Beach.

DRC's annual gala promotes independence and honors disability advocacy. Every year, we present the following awards to champions in our community: the Jerry Stein Memorial Independent Living Award; the Civic Leadership Award; and the Community Service Award. A DRC volunteer will be honored with the Ellard and Foafoa Volunteer of the Year Award. Academic scholarships are presented to students with disabilities in the following categories: two (2) Long Beach City College students; two (2) CSULB students; and one (1) Military Veteran.

We would be so grateful for you to join us in this special evening by becoming a sponsor for this year's Event. All money raised from this Event will go towards DRC's programs and services so that they remain free to all consumers in the 52 Zip Codes that we serve, in Los Angeles County and parts of Orange County.

Attached to this letter, you will find a list of Sponsorship Levels inclusive of benefits. As a Sponsor, you will be listed at the appropriate Sponsorship Level in the Event Program, on DRC's website (<https://drcinc.org>), and in DRC's Quarterly Newsletter. As a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) agency, DRC has served people with all disabilities in the greater Long Beach area since 1976, and holds Federal nonprofit tax identification number 51-0204442.

All of us here at DRC really appreciate your thoughtful support of the Center.

With gratitude,

Jennifer N. Kumiyama

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DISABLED RESOURCES CENTER, INC. (DRC)
48th ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024, AT THE GRAND EVENT CENTER, LONG BEACH

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Diamond. \$8,000.00:

- Main Sponsorship Recognition in Event Program, on Website and in Social Media, DRC Newsletter and News Releases; Logo on Event Signage, Full-Page Color Ad in Event Program
- Twenty-five (25) Donation Tickets for Opportunity Drawing
- 3 minutes speaking time during the program
- One table of eight (8), plus one donated table to be filled with DRC's volunteers and guests, with Sponsor name prominently displayed on the tables

Platinum. \$5,000.00:

- Name Recognition in Event Program, on Website and in Social Media, DRC Newsletter and News Releases; Half-Page Full Color Ad in Event Program
- Twenty (20) Donation Tickets for Opportunity Drawing
- Recognition during the program, from the podium
- Four (4) Tickets to Annual Awards Recognition Event

Gold. \$3,000.00:

- Name Recognition in Event Program, on Website, in DRC's Newsletter, and in Social Media
- Fifteen (15) Donation Tickets for Opportunity Drawing
- Three (3) Tickets to Annual Awards Recognition Event

Silver. \$2,000.00:

- Name Recognition in Event Program, in Social Media, and on Website
- Ten (10) Donation Tickets for Opportunity Drawing
- Two (2) Tickets to Annual Awards Recognition Event

Bronze. \$750.00:

- Name Recognition in Event Program
- Two (2) Tickets to Annual Awards Recognition Event

Fabulous Opportunity Prizes will be announced at a later date.

Individual Ticket: \$100.00 Table (of 8) with signage on table: \$800.00

Each ticket includes admission to the Event, Silent Auction, and Dinner

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DISABLED RESOURCES CENTER, INC. (DRC)
48th ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024, AT THE GRAND EVENT CENTER, LONG BEACH

Sponsorship: (Please specify Sponsorship Level)

For inclusion in the Print Event Program, please submit your Sponsorship by Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

___ **Diamond Sponsor: \$8,000.00**

Deductible Portion: \$7,340.00

___ **Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000.00**

Deductible Portion: \$4,640.00

___ **Gold Sponsor: \$3,000.00**

Deductible Portion: \$2,730.00

___ **Silver Sponsor: \$2,000.00**

Deductible Portion: \$1,820.00

___ **Bronze Sponsor: \$750.00**

Deductible Portion: \$610.00

___ I do not wish to receive any benefits associated with my level of support (for a full tax deduction) \$ _____

Purchase Ticket: (Tax-deductible donation is \$30.00)

I will purchase ___ Event Ticket(s) at \$100.00 \$ _____

Support in Spirit: (Donations are 100% Tax-deductible)

___ **Donation:** I support the work of Disabled Resources Center, Inc., and would like to help you with a donation of: \$ _____

Payment Information:

Please charge my: ___ Visa ___ MC ___ Amex ___ Discover for a total of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: "Disabled Resources Center, Inc."

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CV# _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (required) _____ Email: (required) _____

Signature: _____

Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) agency. Our Tax ID Number is 51-0204442. A portion of your sponsorship may be tax deductible.



Together for Inclusion:

DRC and Molina's Community Partnership



Disabled Resources Center, Inc. and **Molina Healthcare** are joining forces to establish a satellite office in **Uptown (North) Long Beach**, marking another significant step in **DRC's** mission is to extend its services to underserved communities.

Beginning **February 5th**, this new partnership aims to bring crucial resources and support to the local population, furthering the organizations' commitment to enhancing accessibility and care for individuals with disabilities in the area.

Please come and join us at our new office every **Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** inside the **Molina One Stop Health Center** located at:

6583 Atlantic Ave. Suite 110 Long Beach, CA 90805

(855) MOLINA 1 (665-4621) Option 3

For more information visit: drcinc.org



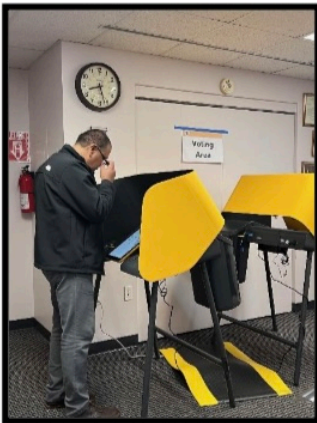
Pictured: Interior office with wood floors, DRC Staff with staff member from Molina Healthcare posing for a group photo.

“From Voice to Vote: Shaping the Future through Voting”

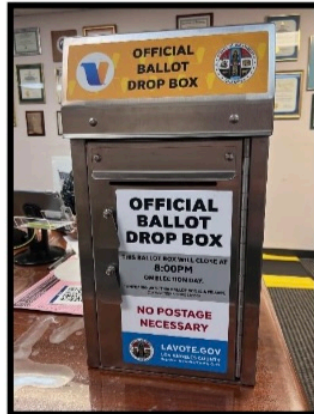
Disabled Resources Center, Inc. was a Flex Voting Center that opened up to the community during the recent Presidential Primary Election. This innovative voting facility aimed to provide increased accessibility and convenience for voters, multiple voting machines, and a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds. By transforming into a Flex Voting Center, DRC embraced a more inclusive approach to democracy, empowering citizens to exercise their right to vote in a flexible and accommodating setting.



Pictured: Two African American One Hispanic Poll worker sitting behind long wooden desk ready to assist voters.



Pictured: Hispanic man using voting machine to cast ballot.



Pictured: Official Ballot Drop Box sitting on wooden table.



Pictured: Caucasian man with hat placing Ballot in Official Drop Box.

DRC Attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at

Long Beach Rescue Mission Apostle House

On Friday, February 23, 2024, **DRC’s Executive Director, Dolores Nason**, and **Assistant Director, Mario Rodriguez**, visited the **Long Beach Rescue Mission** for the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** at the **John and Helen Apostle House**. This 15-bed facility provides wheelchair-accessible housing for men with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. **Apostle House** occupies a storefront property already owned by the **Rescue Mission**. This newly renovated facility incorporates a wheelchair ramp, beds that allow for easy access, and roll-in showers with a built-in bench.



DRC's Executive Director, Dolores Nason; Councilwoman Mary Zendejas; and DRC's Assistant Director, Mario Rodriguez, at the Long Beach Rescue Mission Apostle House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Dolores Nason, DRC's Executive Director, with Jeff Levine, Executive Director, Long Beach Rescue Mission, at the Apostle House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Under a balloon arch, dignitaries cut the ribbon to open the **Apostle House** shelter for men with disabilities, **Long Beach Rescue Mission**.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Weekly GROUP ORIENTATION for new consumers every WEDNESDAY @ 9:30 a.m.
- HOUSING WORKSHOP every FRIDAY @ 9:00 a.m.
- BENEFITS WORKSHOP every 2nd Monday of the month @ 10:00 a.m.
- SMART DEVICES WORKSHOP every 3rd WEDNESDAY of each MONTH @ 1:p.m.
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES JOB SEARCH Every 2nd MONDAY of each MONTH @ 9:00 a.m.
- MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and; CO-ED SUPPORT GROUPS Every Wednesday @ 1 p.m.
- COMPUTER CLASSES WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY @ 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP for Staff and Consumers bi-weekly beginning WEDNESDAY, 11/22 @ 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 2024

- 3/1/2024—LA Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Executive Directors Meeting
- 3/4/2024—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
- 3/5/2024—Election Primary (Go out and Vote)
- 3/7/2024—Device Lending Demonstration Center Training
- 3/7/2024—Belinda Prado, Long Beach Health Department, Listening Session Planning Meeting
- 3/8/2024—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
- 3/8/2024—Long Beach City College Adult Education Consortium Meeting
- 3/12/2024—Metro Title VI Subrecipient Training
- 3/12/2024—Site visit from CFILC personnel
- 3/14/2024—Assistive Technology Meeting/Training
- 3/15/2024 to 3/17/2024—Los Angeles Abilities Expo 2024, @ Los Angeles Convention Center
- 3/21/2024—LA County Emerging ADRC Core Partner Meeting
- 3/25/2024—LA Access Board of Directors Meeting
- 3/28/2024—CACoD Transportation Day—DRC will have a table
- 3/28/2024—DRC Board of Directors Meeting (In Person @ DRC)

APRIL 2024

- 4/1/2024—Cesar Chavez Day Legal Holiday (Observed), DRC closed
- 4/2/2024—DAC (Disabled Adult Child Benefits) by Daniel Hernandez (virtual)
- 4/3/2024—DRC Board/Staff Fundraising Training @ DRC
- 4/3/2024—Device Lending Demonstration Training
- 4/8/2024—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
- 4/11/2024—Assistive Technology Training
- 4/12/2024—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
- 4/18/2024—LA County Emerging ADRC Core Partner Meeting
- 4/22/2024—LA Access Board of Directors Meeting

MAY 2024

- 5/2/2024—Device Lending Demonstration Training
- 5/4/2024—DRC Board Retreat @ DRC
- 5/6/2024—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
- 5/7/2024—SSI and Work Incentives by Daniel Hernandez (virtual)
- 5/9/2024—Assistive Technology Training
- 5/10/2024—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
- 5/20/2024—LA Access Board of Directors Meeting
- 5/22/2024—DRC Presentation @ Department of Health and Human Services
- 5/23/2024—DRC Board of Directors Meeting (virtual)
- 5/27/2024—Memorial Day Legal Holiday, DRC closed

Mission Statement

To empower people with disabilities to live independent in the community, to make their own decisions about their lives and advocate in their own behalf.

Donations

Your gift today helps DRC to continue to help its consumers toward independent living.

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