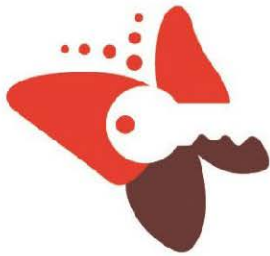


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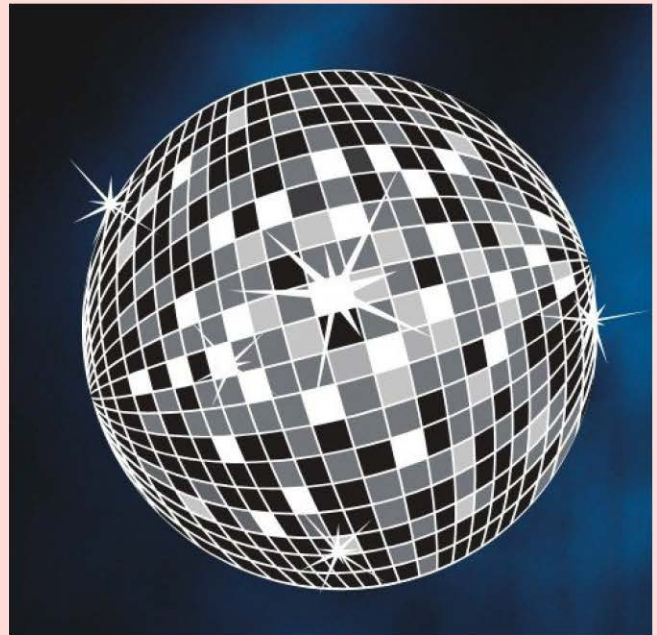


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*The Key to Independence*

**Independent Living Center**  
*Summer Newsletter 2025*



"The disco ball is like a beacon of hope  
that shines bright in the darkness."  
(ABBA, Swedish pop group)



# Dear Reader,

Come join us this summer as we have fun and celebrate together. The celebration began on April 25, with our Volunteer Luncheon, one of the most successful and fun in a long time. We have an active Board of Directors, to whom it was a delight to give Volunteer Awards, along with the outstanding Volunteers that work in and out of the office.

We ended our celebration with **James Long** and his karaoke machine and good voice. He sounded like **Frank Sinatra**. Many of the guests lent their voices in song.

Of course, the big celebration that we are looking forward to is our **49th Annual Awards Recognition Event**. This year, the Event will be held on Thursday evening, July 24, at The Grand Event Center, Long Beach. The theme is “**Celebrating DisCo.**”

The achievements, advocacy and scholarship of our honorees combine to fuel a beacon of hope that shines as brightly as the whirling disco ball. To meet our impressive honorees, click link: [\[LINK\]](#)

The collaboration of the Event co-chairs, **Jennifer Kumiyama**, Board President, and **Chaka Garbutt**, Board Vice-President, promises an inspiring and enjoyable evening. Besides accolades for the honorees, the program includes a delicious dinner, a tempting Silent Auction, and an Opportunity Ticket Drawing for Grand Prizes. For more information, including ticket purchase, click link to view the Event Invitation: [\[LINK\]](#)

To whet your bidding appetite, click on link for Silent Auction items received at press time: [\[LINK\]](#)

Adding further sparkle to this **DisCo** Ball of an evening, the Opportunity Ticket Drawing offers the possibility of going home with one of three exciting Grand Prizes. For more information on the Opportunity Ticket Drawing, including ticket purchases, click on link: [\[LINK\]](#)

Our esteemed Sponsors provide the momentum that keeps the **DisCo** ball twirling and makes the Event happen. All of us at DRC celebrate our generous and supportive Sponsors.

To add even more sparkle to the **DisCo** ball, please consider becoming an Event Sponsor, donating through the purchase of Event Tickets, or buying Opportunity Ticket Drawing Donation Tickets. Sponsoring “Celebrating **DisCo**” provides an opportunity to advertise your business while showing your support for the Disability Community.

For more information on Sponsorship Levels and associated benefits, click on link: [\[LINK\]](#)

I wanted you to see our beautiful “**DisCo Ball**” Invitations. Unfortunately, they are still at the printer, so be prepared and watch for the “Special Edition” of **DRC’s 49th Annual Awards Recognition Event** Special Announcement.

I do hope that you can attend DRC’s **49th Annual Awards Recognition Event**, “**Celebrating DisCo.**”

**Dolores Nason**  
**Executive Director**

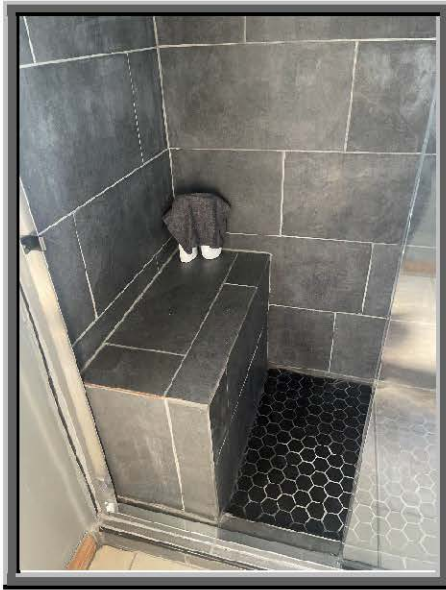
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Meet DRC’s Newest Board Member:  
**Dr. Cailine Y. Kim**





We are proud to introduce our newest Board of Directors Member. **Cailine Y. Kim**, Ed.D., recently joined DRC's Board of Directors. **Dr. Kim** is a Case Manager in the Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Program of Vocational Rehabilitation Therapy at the **Veterans Administration Long Beach Healthcare System**. The CWT Program provides Veterans with an opportunity to gain valuable long-term employment skills.



## **TRANSITIONAL FUNDNG SUCCESS STORY**

The Center is doing such wonderful things for people. Please read the “Transitional Funding Success Story” about how we use Transitional Funding to help consumers continue to live independently in the community. Click link to read the article. [\[LINK\]](#)

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## **DRC Outreaches**

**Cerritos College**





**Apollo Park in Downey**



**McBride Community Center in Long Beach**





**Cultural Fair at McBride Community Center in  
Long Beach**





**Long Beach Health Department, Spring into Health Fair**



## DRC Volunteer Luncheon 2025

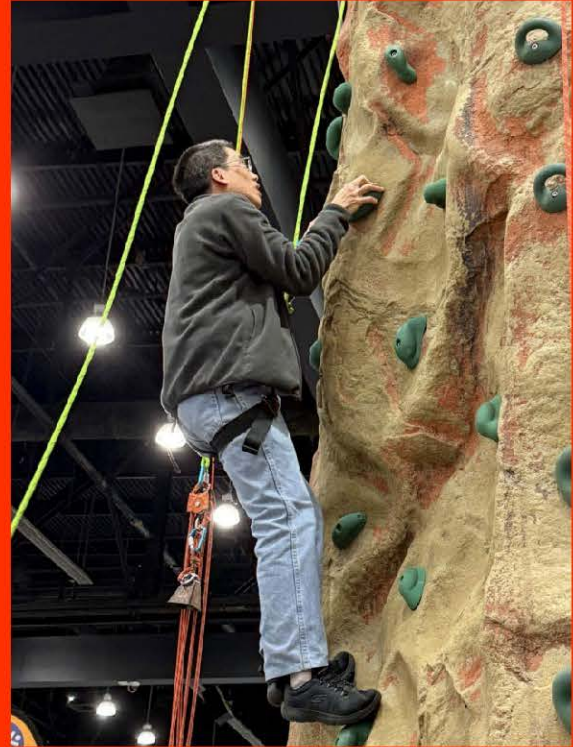




## DRC Staff Trainings



**LA Convention Center Ability Expo 2025**



**Providing battery to eligible consumers in designated Fire Zone areas through the DDAR Program, in partnership with Southern California Edison (SCE)**





## HE'S BACK!



**"Mr. V," Vincent Johnson**, our long-time employee of 27 years, is back from a medical leave of 14 months. Now the AT Lab looks normal with **Samantha, Mugi, and Vincent** all working there. We are all so happy to have Vincent back at work. See his smiling face in the photo. Welcome back, **"Mr. V!"**

## **DISABLED RESOURCES CENTER, INC.**

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## 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.

**DONATE**

## Donations

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





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## Ongoing Events

### GROUP ORIENTATION

*for new consumers*

WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30 AM

### HOUSING WORKSHOP

FRIDAYS @ 9 AM

### COMPUTER CLASSES

*Every Wednesday through Friday*

*at 9:30 AM or 1:30 PM*

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

#### JOB SEARCH

*Every 2nd Monday @ 9 AM*

### MEN'S, WOMEN'S, AND CO-ED SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS @ 1 PM

## Calendar Of Events

**June 2025**

6/2—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB

6/3—Voice Options Program Meeting via Zoom  
6/3—PASC Board meeting @ California Endowment Center  
6/5—Device Lending Demonstration meeting  
6/5—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/6—Peers Advocating for Rights & Recovery (PARR) training  
6/7—Tichenor Clinic Superheroes Resource Fair  
6/9—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/12—AT Advocate Meeting via Zoom Core Partners Monthly Meeting  
6/12—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/13—DRC Advocacy Group meeting via Zoom  
6/16—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/16—LA Care Health RCAC meeting @ Wilmington Resource Center  
**6/19—Juneteenth Legal Holiday (DRC Closed)**  
6/23—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/26—ADRC Extended Partners Meeting  
6/26—DRC Board of Directors Meeting in person @ DRC  
6/26—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
6/26—Deadline for Event Sponsorships for printing in Event Program  
6/30—Access LA Board of Directors Meeting  
6/30—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB

## July 2025

**Note: There is no DRC Board of Directors Meeting in July. The 49th Annual Awards Recognition Event serves as DRC's Annual Meeting.**

**7/4—Independence Day Legal Holiday (DRC Closed)**  
7/7—PASC Board meeting California Endowment Center  
7/7—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/8—Voice Options Program Monthly Meeting  
7/10—Device Lending Demonstration Training  
7/10—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/11—DRC Advocacy Group meeting via Zoom  
7/14—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/17—AT Advocate Meeting  
7/17—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/21—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/24—DRC 49th Annual Awards Recognition Event, "Celebrating DisCo"  
(Disability Community) @ The Grand, Long Beach  
7/24—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/28—Access LA Board of Directors Meeting  
7/28—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
7/29—Voice Options Program Quarterly Meeting  
7/31—ADRC Combined Extended Partners Meeting & Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
7/31—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB

## August 2025

**Note: There is no DRC Board of Directors Meeting in August.**

8/4—Voice Options Program Monthly Meeting



8/4—PASC Board meeting @ California Endowment Center  
8/4—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
8/7—Device Lending Demonstration Meeting  
8/7—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
8/8—DRC Advocacy Group meeting via Zoom  
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8/18—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
8/21—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
8/25—Access LA Board of Directors Meeting  
8/25—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB  
8/28—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB

## CONNECT WITH DRC AT OUR MOLINA HEALTHCARE ONE-STOP CENTER SATELLITE OFFICE

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at 6583 Atlantic Ave., Suite 110,  
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