



# Disabled Resources Center, Inc.

A key To Independent Living

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## DEAR READERS

I had the great privilege to work under Jeannette Nishikawa as her Associate Director for more than seven years. So it is with great pride and anticipation that I take over the responsibility of Executive Director of the Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC).

DRC has made significant changes over the years in the services and benefits for persons with disabilities, but there is still much room for progress in the areas of housing, personal care, and transportation to ensure equal access. This is a tremendously exciting time with immense possibilities.

Our staff is made up of talented and dedicated people who are committed to bettering the lives of persons with disabilities. We are already making plans toward a stronger effort to see DRC grow and expand its influence in Long Beach and surrounding areas.

To this end, we are re-introducing our logo that was retired, adding some new programs, and seeking ways to substantially increase our resources to help even more people.

Together with the Board of Directors, staff, interns, and volunteers we will continue to create a vibrant, healthy DRC to meet the future needs of our community.

I appreciate the confidence the board has shown in selecting me as the new Executive Director, and I am confident 2008 will be an outstanding year for DRC.

Please let me know if there is any thing that we can do to empower you or your loved ones to have a happier, more productive life.

Cordially,  
Dolores Nason



## DRC HAS A NEW EXECUTIVE



Dolores Nason has been selected to be the new Executive Director of the Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) of Long Beach.

Dolores began her tenure with DRC more than sixteen years ago and most recently served as the Associate Director under the late Jeanette Nishikawa.

In her new position, she will be responsible for the future direction and leadership of the center.

On a daily basis, DRC implements a consumer-agency-community approach to build a vital triangle that helps DRC consumers live independently in the community, to make independent decisions concerning their lives, and to advocate on their own behalf. This is accom-

plished through programs, individual help, referrals, and workshops offered on and off-site to assist and educate persons with disabilities in the community. As the need arises, DRC adds or modifies its program offering to fill the needs of its consumers.

A mother of four children, Dolores and her husband, George, enjoy spending time at the Theater, where she is a founding member of Footlighters, a division of Musical Theater West, and doing special activities with their children.

Dolores also serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Los Angeles County Access Services, the Paratransit Program for Los Angeles County, is on the Advisory Committee for the Disabled Students Programs and Services Department at Long Beach City College, is the Acting Chair of the Long Beach Transit Paratransit Service Committee, and on the ADA Subcommittee of the American Public Transportation Association.

Dolores is a member of Assistance League® of Long Beach, and her biography has been listed in Marquis's "Who's Who in America" since 1992.

The staff and board are looking forward to an exciting opportunity to serve our consumers under Dolores' leadership.

## IT'S A NEW (OLD) LOGO FOR DRC

For many years, DRC has been an important key to "Independent Living" for many persons with disabilities living in the communities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Signal Hill, Artesia, and Avalon. In the future, we want to be a key to "Independent Living" for many others living in those same communities. We are reintroducing an updated version of our former logo of a key. We think it more accurately reflects our purpose and fully expresses who we truly are and what we offer.

"Sometimes people's lives are changed by just walking through our center's door." Dolores

We are also changing the format of our newsletter and would like to hear your comments. Call Richard at 562-427-1000 ext.16



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