

TWO NEW PROGRAM at DRC

Equipment Loan Program

DRC has added a new service for its consumers by adding a special **Assistance Technology (AT) Loan Program.**

Today, consumers who are just being released from the hospital or a convalescent center can borrow assistive equipment until they get the resources they need from Medicare/Medi-Cal or their own insurance for equipment of their own. This will allow people to come home faster, with less stress.

Here's a partial list of the equipment you can borrow from DRC at no cost for up to 12 weeks.

1. Walker
2. Push/Transport Wheelchair
3. Quickie Wheelchair
4. Cane, with adjustable quad
5. Neck brace
6. Wheelchair seatbelt, sliding board
7. Leg spacer
8. Breathing Treatment machine
9. Air cushion pump for seat

As additional funds become available, DRC intends to add more assistive equipment to this loan program.

Just another way DRC is expanding its services to its consumers

Keep Your Social Security Disability Benefits While Returning to Work

This workshop provides the information you need to return to work and maintain your Social Security benefits. It will be held at DRC on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. The title is "Keep the Benefits while returning to work". It is presented by the Social Security Administration and the Career Transitional Center (CTC).

For local job seekers with disabilities.

For more Information call DRC, at 562-427-1000 or Patti Kolpa, Career Transition Center at 562-570-4629

THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU

Boeing Employees Community Fund	\$5,000
Otto Berdach Grant	\$6,000
John Porter Trust Grant	\$5,000
Northrop Grumman ECHO Grant	\$2,500
Spencer Russell Mini Grant	\$2,000
City of Hawaiian Gardens	\$5,000
4th District, Supervisor Don Knabe	\$40,000

Holiday donations of food & toiletries by the staff of the GREMC Health Care group at the VA Long Beach.



All those who gave through the Memorial for Jeanette Nishikawa, the Happy Holiday Donation Envelopes, and by listing us on your United Way Donation forms.

We are extremely grateful for all those who donate to DRC in any way.

Every donation, large and small, helps us better serve our consumers.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Staff at DRC would like to give special congratulations to our very own Systems Change Coordinator Richard Hernandez for receiving the 2007 California Foundation for Independent Living Center, Spirit of the Year Award for the Southern California Region. Only one other Spirit Award was given and that was to the Northern California Region. Way to go Richard, keep up the good work!

"This award would not have been possible without the help of all my co-workers helping me along the way. Thank You."

PEER COUNSELING TRAINING CLASS

DRC will train you to be a noteworthy volunteer for DRC or for your own personal benefit.

FREE CLASSES are held once a week for eight weeks

Learn how to work with others

Know how to treat people of all ages and disabilities

Practice the proper way to communicate with everyone

NEXT CLASS BEGINS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22 (Every Tuesday for 8 weeks) 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Graduates will receive a Certificate of completion
For more information or to register for the classes, contact

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