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Here is your February 13, 2015 update on the Americans with Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary Celebration.

THE ADA LEGACY PROJECT: MOMENTS IN DISABILITY HISTORY 26

Women Leaders of the ADA

“Several influential men became regarded as the "grandfathers" or "fathers" of the ADA but, in the battle to obtain support for the ADA, the term "General" is only applied to a single woman, Patrisha Wright. The women presented here, in alphabetical order, represent only a few of the thousands of other women who served in various leadership capacities and were instrumental in securing the passage of the ADA. They all can be considered the "mothers" of the ADA.”

Those included in this story are: Marilyn Golden, Judith E. Heumann, Jennifer Keelan, Arlene B. Mayerson, Sharon Mistler, Sandra Swift Parrino, Liz Savage, and Patrisha Wright. To read more about these influential women, please visit the [Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities website](#). The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities ADA Legacy Project “celebrates the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act on disability rights, and honors the contributions of individuals with disabilities and their allies who persevered in securing the passage of this landmark civil rights legislation.”

STILL TIME TO TAKE THE ADA EMPLOYMENT SURVEY!

MSCOD contracted with the Improve Group, an external research group from Saint Paul, to study what the employment landscape in Minnesota looks like now that ADA has been law for 25 years. We are examining how employment—both for the employer, and the disabled individual who may currently be employed, or is seeking employment—has been impacted by the ADA.

The survey can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/ADA25employmentMN>

Please share it with everyone!

These survey results will provide valuable data that will allow us to develop employee training programs.

We will gladly share the survey results. You will be prompted at the end of the survey if you would like to receive the report. We are excited to learn about your experience with the ADA! Please contact Andrew Mosca at Andrew.Mosca@state.mn.us or 651-361-7803 with any questions.

POSTER & VIDEO CONTESTS

This winter, we asked you to tell us what the ADA means to you through art. The contests are now over, and we thank those who took the time to participate! Pictured below are the Wednesday morning Self Advocacy Group from Merrick, Inc, dropping off their great poster at the MSCOD office.



ADA NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

[US DOJ Settles Lawsuit Against Days Inn for Denying Vet with Service Animal](#)

Justice Department Announces ADA Title I Settlement Agreements with the cities of [DeKalb, Illinois](#); [Vero Beach, Florida](#); [Fallon, Nevada](#); and [Isle of Palms, South Carolina](#)

[Justice Department Announces Settlement Agreement with Nueces County, Texas](#)

[As More Search For Work, Unemployment Up](#)

[EEOC Reports Fewer Disability Discrimination Claims](#)

The [ADA Legacy Tour](#) stopped in Orlando, FL from January 28-31, and will be in Austin, TX on March 1.

About the ADA 25th Anniversary Legacy Project

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turns 25 years old on July 26, 2015. The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) is planning a number of activities leading up to and marking this historic day.

The MSCOD ADA 25 year Anniversary Legacy Project seeks to preserve and raise awareness of Minnesota's role in the development of the ADA as well as celebrate Minnesota's disability cultures in tandem with the 25 year anniversary of the passage of the ADA.

For more information about the Legacy Fund visit <http://www.legacy.leg.mn/>.

MSCOD's Legacy Funds are administered by the Minnesota Humanities Center. Learn more about the Minnesota Humanities Center at <http://www.minnesotahumanities.org/>.

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