



Happy Holidays

Dear Friends, Family, and Colleagues;

I am proud and honored to announce that Disability Independence Group, Inc., founded in 2002, known most often as “DIG” will open its doors this January 2, 2014, as a comprehensive and holistic non profit law firm that will ensure that persons with disabilities have full integration throughout society. This is a big mission, but one that we feel we are prepared to accomplish. I have assembled a fantastic team and we will be available to consult with you and your clients, educate both the profession and the public on issues that are of importance to our mission and bring litigation when necessary to enforce our laws.

We have six main focus areas with DIG and will serve the cross disability community. The focuses are individual autonomy, equal access to information and technology, equal opportunity to live in the community of ones choice, right to work and to an education, the destruction of attitudinal barriers and finally the creation of a HUB for rights for persons with disabilities throughout the Americas. This may seem a large undertaking, but as you know, my firm has been preparing for this for over sixteen years and have done extensive advocacy, training and litigation throughout the United States. Many of you have traveled on this journey with me and I am hoping you will continue your support.

DIG’s team includes, Matthew Dietz as litigation director, Deborah Dietz as executive director, Sharon Langer, former executive director of Dade Legal Aid, as development director, Rachel Goldstein as senior staff attorney, Stephanie Woodward as staff attorney, Sara Barlow as client concierge, and William Lopez as administrative assistant. We also have a corps of volunteers that will be assisting pro bono.

Please visit our website [www. justdigit.org](http://www.justdigit.org), sign up for our newsletter, and join our team. There is much work to be done to further the civil rights of persons with disabilities that have so much to offer us as a community and as a society.

Matt





Rachel Goldstein, Stephanie Woodward, and Matthew Dietz



Sharon Langer and Debbie Dietz



Sara Barlow and William Lopez



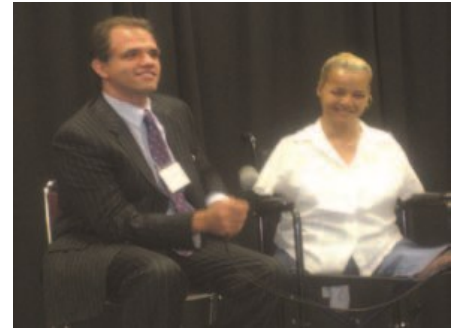
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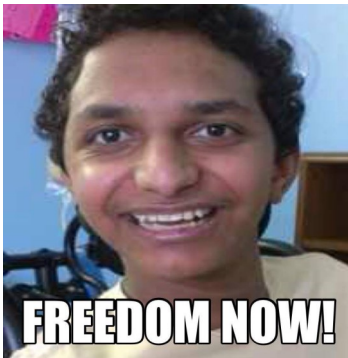
Matt and HOPE, Inc. CEO Keenya Robertson, marching for the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement, in Washington, DC



Matt and Franklin the Fair housing Fox



Matt and Josephina Fontanez after she received an automatic door to get in and out of her apartment.



Abdel is free from a nursing home



Andi Cali at him home for Christmas



Rachel and Deontae



Debbie and Cat Cloud from NFHA filming videos in Oakland, CA



Matt and Kane the dog after a successful Fair Housing Trial



Debbie and Michael MacAulay from Sweetwater Media