

ServiceSource Raises \$35,000 for MS!

Often times, individuals and organizations are looking for unique ways to support friends and co-workers with MS by supporting the National MS Society in their local community. These fundraisers are often very meaningful to the people who put them on, and raise a lot of money to support local individuals with MS. Below is one great example of such an event.

The former president of ServiceSource, David Kennedy, stepped down from his role as president after being diagnosed with MS. His employees thought of him as one of the nicest and smartest guys they had ever met. They decided to host a benefit concert and silent auction at Broadway Studio in San Francisco to raise money “for a disease with no solid cure.” The “Support SF” community team at ServiceSource put on the event from start to finish, with a goal of raising \$20,000. After the concert, featuring Wonderbread 5, and the silent auction, the total came to over \$35,000. Not only did they raise a tremendous sum to help in finding a cure for MS, but the entire organization was able to come together to support an important leader and friend.

If you are interested in putting on a fundraising event to benefit the National MS Society, Northern California Chapter, please contact Megan Trask, Director of Development, at megan.trask@nmss.org or 510-267-9669 x115.

MISSING CURB RAMPS? NO DETECTABLE WARNINGS? UNEVEN PAVEMENT? WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

WHAT: Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) has filed a lawsuit against the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”).

WHY: The lawsuit seeks to fix barriers along sidewalks, intersections, pedestrian overpasses and underpasses and at Park and Ride facilities. Examples of barriers include curb ramps that are too steep, broken pavement or a lack of detectable warnings.

WHO: The lawsuit is on behalf of all Californians with mobility and vision disabilities who experience access barriers along sidewalks, intersections, pedestrian overpasses and underpasses and at Park and Ride facilities.

WHERE: Caltrans has control over state highways throughout California. This means that the lawsuit includes:

- Sidewalks and intersections along state highways. State highways usually have sidewalks and intersections where the state highway becomes a street in a city or town.
- Sidewalks over or under state highways. Pedestrian overpasses or underpasses are usually located over or under state highways that are freeways.
- Park and Ride facilities. Park and Ride facilities are located along state highways and are usually close to bus stops or other public transportation stops.

HOW: If you would like to share your experiences about access to sidewalks, intersections, pedestrian overpasses and underpasses or Park and Rides covered by this lawsuit, or if you would like to find out which sidewalks or Park and Ride facilities in your area are covered by this lawsuit, please contact Disability Rights Advocates by phone at 510-665-8644 ,via E-mail at caltrans@dralegal.org, or visit our website at www.dralegal.org.