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**January 1
through
March 31,
2023**



THE PARTNERSHIP
FOR INCLUSIVE DISASTER STRATEGIES



The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies (The Partnership)

is the U.S. disability-led organization with a focused mission of equity for people with disabilities and people with access and functional needs throughout all planning, programs, services and procedures before, during and after disasters and emergencies.

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We envision whole community readiness, support when disaster strikes, and disability inclusive engagement throughout disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery to build back better, optimize community resilience, and improve disaster outcomes for all.



Led by and for Disabled people throughout disasters
Disability & Disaster Hotline:
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The Disability-Led Disaster Hub!

January

- Provided resources and information during the California Atmospheric River Winter Storms as

historic amounts of snow packed the mountains, and

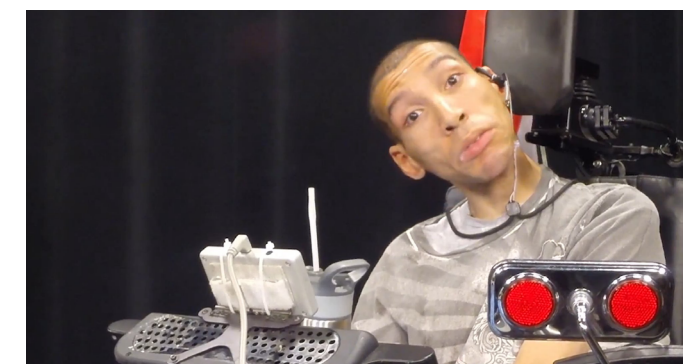
floods, freezing temperatures and

mudslides affected millions.

- Shared the survey put forth by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), seeking to review Disabled people’s involvement in reducing or building resilience.

- Shared new Census Data which showed the U.S. fails disabled people after disasters; we brought it home with a blog post featuring Flip Polizzi

Rivera of Rochester, NY, a disabled man who values his

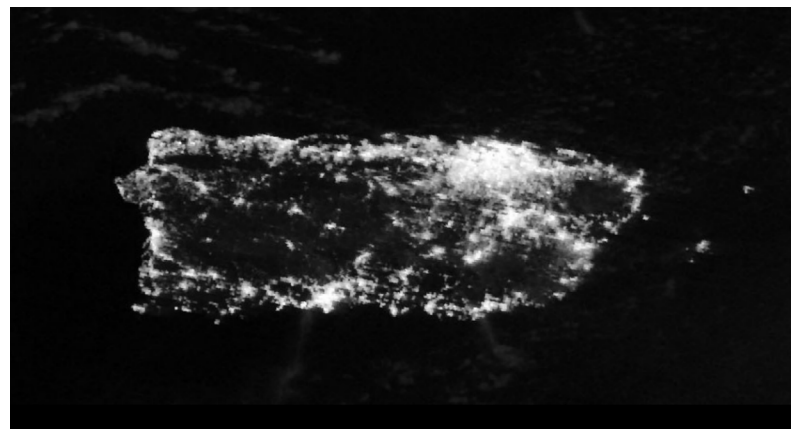


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independence, and recognizes risks unique to him that can occur during an emergency: if he evacuates

he is likely to face dangerous levels of isolation and permanent dislocation, often leading to placement right into an institutional setting.

- Organized in support of solar power to Puerto Rico, culminating in a major victory for people who are electricity-dependent, with a \$1 billion allocation signed by President Biden for Solar Energy for Disabled people.
- Declared the lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as a disaster targeting Disabled people.



NEWS

February

- With GADRA we sought to assist Disabled people in the aftermath of earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.
- Released our 2022: Year-in-Review.
- Gained a new team member, our Disaster Operations Coordinator, Shari Myers.
- Involved in ASTHO's Defining Disability for Syndromic Surveillance Scientific Panel that ASTHO and the CDC have convened to assist in developing diagnostic code-based definitions for disability.
- Provided technical assistance and subject matter expertise to the National Network of Public Health Institutes with the University of Montana's Rural Institute for Rural Communities.



NEWS

- Created educational tools to inform our community on what Title 42 is and its impacts on disabled immigrants and preparedness tips for extreme winter weather.
- On February 24, we acknowledged 1-year of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the tens of thousands of lives lost and injured, and Fight for Right's ongoing response for the Disability Community impacted by the war.

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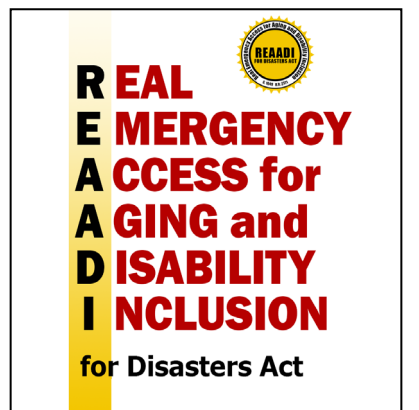
We remain committed to Fight for Right and Disabled Ukrainians until a Free and Independent Ukraine. We thank Borealis Philanthropy, Choose Love Foundation, and so many donors and supporters who sponsor our dedicated support.

- Our Daily COVID-19 Disability Rights & Disasters Call reached our 3 year commemoration of bringing stakeholders together each and everyday to address the rights and needs of our disability community throughout the pandemic and concurrent disasters.



March

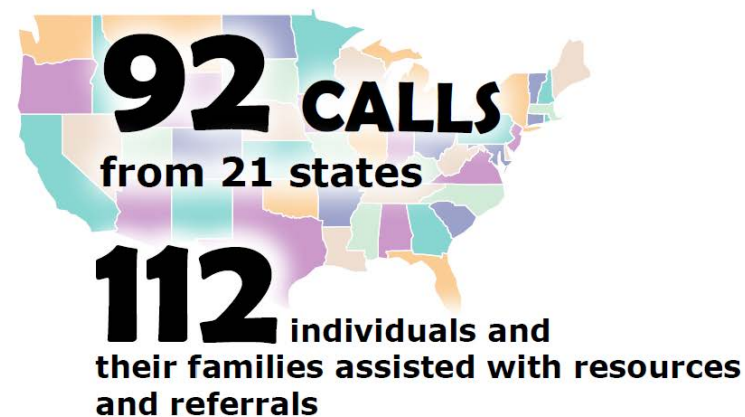
- We mourned the passing and remembered the life and legacy of the Mother of Disability Rights, Judy Heumann.
- Our Hotline continued to respond to heavy rainfall and flooding in California and extreme weather and tornadoes in Mississippi, Arkansas, and surrounding areas.
- Prepared the way for the reintroduction of the REAADI (Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion) for Disasters Act!
- REAADI was reintroduced on March 29, 2023 with 10 original Senate cosponsors and 7 original House cosponsors.
- Worked with partners like APRIL, NCIL, NCD, FEMA, and local stakeholders to advocate for policies, programs, and procedures that advance inclusion and the rights of disabled people throughout disasters.



OUR DISABILITY & DISASTER HOTLINE

is available 24/7, and can be reached by phone call, text or email. As of March 31 we have responded to 92 calls and assisted 112 disabled individuals and their families. We provided referrals to local community resources for food

8 and water; health, safety and hygiene; replacement of medication, durable medical equipment, and consumable supplies; temporary housing and transitional home modifications. We thank Ford Foundation, Borealis Philanthropy Disability Inclusion Fund, and hundreds of individual donors who generously support our cause and mission.



We help communities, organizations, corporations, and governments achieve and maintain equity and full inclusion for people with disabilities and people with access and functional needs before, during, and after disasters and emergencies.

INCLUSIVE

Increasing preparedness and resiliency

DISASTER

Developing tools and practices

RISK

Reducing your risk to disasters

REDUCTION

Revolutionizing your emergency planning

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