

CELEBRATE DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH!

OCTOBER 2016

Promoting “Awareness and Advocacy”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Barbara Jordan Endeavors Community 5K Walk, Run & Roll
All Diversity Health Wellness Resource Fair and Toy & Food Drive
Saturday, October 8, 2016, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

HISD Dyer Stadium, 2020 Mangum Street 77092

Admission: \$25 Adults, \$15 Seniors & Veterans, \$10 Students

Description: The event will feature a walk/run, health fair and toy drive.

Sponsor: Barbara Jordan Endeavors

For more information: <http://www.barbarajordanambassadors.org>

Walk for Mental Health Awareness Houston 2016

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Registration 7 a.m., Walk 8 a.m. & Expo 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Stude Park, 1031 Stude Street 77007

Description: The event benefits the Greater Houston area nonprofit agencies that provide mental health services.

Sponsor: The Houston Walk

For more information: 713-705-7058 <http://www.thewalkhouston.org>

info@thehoustonwalk.org

White Cane Safety Day at City Hall

Friday, October 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Houston City Hall, 901 Bagby Street

Reflection pool area - Walker @ Smith

Admission: Free and open to the public

Description: The event will consist of the “White Cane March,” which calls public attention to the safety concerns of people who are blind or have visual impairments, a formal program featuring a mayoral proclamation and presentations by city officials and community representatives, a resource fair, children’s activities and light refreshments.

Sponsors: City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities and community partners.

For more information: 832-819-4343 WhiteCaneSafetyDay@gmail.com

Gateway to Gold Performance

Sunday, October 16, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Athlete Check-in: 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

University of Houston Main Campus – Recreation & Wellness Center

4500 University Drive 77004

Description: Gateway to Gold is a free event for individuals with physical and visual impairments to test adaptive sport skills and help build the athlete pipeline for the U.S. Paralympic Team. As part of the event, prospective athletes will be tested on a variety of sport skills that will help determine their aptitude for Paralympic sport and identify potential future U.S. Paralympic athletes*

Sponsor: Harris County – Houston Sports Authority

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gateway-to-gold-performance-registration-27677124023>

**HCIL Gulf Coast Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Employment Workshop
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 1 - 3 p.m.**

6201 Bonhomme Rd., #150-S

RSVP: Call 713-974-4621 by October 17

Description: Are you receiving SSI and/or SSDI and considering returning to work or are you already employed? Are you a veteran receiving SSI and/or SSDI seeking employment or already working? Are you a transition-aged youth on SSI or another Title II benefit wanting to work or already working? Take part in this workshop to learn about impact of employment income on Social Security disability (SSI and SSDI) cash benefits and Medicaid and/or Medicare. Learn how you may be able to keep your Social Security benefits while transitioning to employment.

Sponsor: Houston Center for Independent Living

For more information: 713-974-4621 Voice/TTY houstoncil@yahoo.com

Lex Frieden Employment Awards

Thursday, October 27, 11 a.m.

Crowne Plaza Houston

8686 Kirby

Admission: \$35

Description: Named in honor of distinguished disability rights advocate Lex Frieden, the awards recognize outstanding employers who have demonstrated efforts to hire and retain employees with disabilities and recognize best practices in the workplace.

Sponsors: Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, Houston Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and the Greater Business Leadership Network.

For more information: <http://www.hmcepd.org/>.