

■ **Heroes at Home Grant Deadline Approaching.** The competitive grant application for the Sears' Heroes at Home spring 2008 cycle is closing soon. Applications are due by **Friday, January 11**. Grants are available to affiliates in amounts of \$1,000 to \$50,000. Affiliates that have not previously received funding from the National Office are strongly encouraged to apply. Apply online through the Member's Only Section. Contact Michelle Tesauro [mtesauro@rebuildingtogether.org](mailto:mtesauro@rebuildingtogether.org) or Vanessa Georgeson [vgeorgeson@rebuildingtogether.org](mailto:vgeorgeson@rebuildingtogether.org) for more information or with questions.

■ **Congratulations to the Winners of HGTV's *Change the World. Start at Home* competition!** RT Baltimore, RT Denver, RT New Orleans, RT Twin Cities and RT Washington, D.C., will each complete three projects the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. The announcement was made yesterday during the Rose Parade on HGTV. Stay tuned for information on how your affiliate can benefit from our relationship with HGTV and VolunteerMatch.

■ **Please join us for one of three final conference calls** your National Office is hosting to answer questions about the new Affiliate Partnership Agreement. After months of regional meetings, conference calls and one-on-one discussions, the new Affiliate Partnership Agreement will be hitting your desks at the end of January.

Conference Phone Number: (641) 715-3840 Participant Access Code: 491298#

\* January 14, 2008 12:00 pm EST

\* January 14, 2008 7:00 pm EST

\* January 15, 2008 9:00 pm EST

■ **One Stop Shop for Disability Information** DisabilityInfo.gov ([www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)) is a one-stop federal Web site designed to offer people with disabilities access to the information and resources they need to fully participate in the workforce and in their communities. Managed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) ([www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep)), DisabilityInfo.gov offers a broad range of valuable information, not only for people with disabilities, but also for older Americans, service providers, caregivers and many others.

Several sections of the Web site offer information and resources geared toward older Americans. For example, the Health section features an Aging category with information on Medicare and Medicaid benefits, long-term care providers, support for caregivers and assistive technologies for the aging population. The Transportation section of the Web site includes guides to help senior citizens locate accessible transportation in their communities; and the Housing section contains information on HUD-subsidized properties that serve the elderly and persons with disabilities.

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*From all of us at the National Office, we hope you enjoy a happy and healthy 2008!*

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