

San Antonio Independent Living Services  
presents

# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 20th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, July 30, 2010

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

401 Villita  
San Antonio, TX 78205

A Special Tribute to the Gridiron Heroes



Unity Pride Stroll begins at 8:30 am  
at 524 W. Commerce (El Mercado) to 401 Villita



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## El Mercado

524 W. Commerce - El Mercado  
Grand Marshal  
Honorary Grand Marshal

- 8:00 am Gather at El Mercado (524 W. Commerce)
- 8:30 am Greeting by Gloria Banik, SAILS Director of Programs and Resource Development  
Welcome by Terry Smith, Field Director, DARS, Division for Blind Services
- 8:40 am Let's Stroll Speech - Larry Johnson, Author/Speaker, former SAILS Board Chairperson

## Villita Building

Villita Assembly Building (401 Villita St.)

- 9:30 am Welcome - Kitty L. Brietzke, J.D., Executive Director of SAILS
- 9:45 am Welcome and Presentation of the Colors - BAMC  
National Anthem by Mia Romero
- 10:00 am Invocation by Mr. Stuart Perryman, Assistant Pastor of Maranatha
- 10:15 am Proclamation - Governor's Office, City of San Antonio, Commissioners' Court
- 10:20 am Special Recognition of the ARC and Executive Director Jack Minter  
Special Recognition of Public Servant - Judge Nelson Wolff
- 10:25 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Dr. Kitty Brietzke and SAILS Board Chair Ms. Frann Wright  
Keynote Speaker – Chris and Eddie Canales, Gridiron Heroes
- 10:45 am Presentation of Awards by Gloria Banik  
Large Employer Award, Public Servant Award, Organization Award, Small Employer Award, Media Award, Individual, Advocacy Award, Legal Advocacy, Personal Attendant, Media Award, Inclusion Award, Organization of the Year, Special Award to Gordon Hartman, Special Award to Ty Beck
- 11:00 am Visit Vendor booths, enjoy food by HEB and music by Dreams Fulfilled Through Music  
Drawings for the Door Prizes
- 1:00 pm Closing Remarks and Gratitudes

## Honoring ARC (Access, Resource, Choice) of San Antonio and Jack Minter



John A. Minter has worked in the field of rehabilitation, psychotherapy, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and behavioral counseling services for over 40 years. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a Master of Social Work degree. He also holds a Master of Social Work degree from Tulane University. John retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel.

John became the President and CEO of the ARC of San Antonio in January 2006. Prior to his current position, John had served as President of Minter and Associates, P.A. providing Employee Assistance Programs in San Antonio and many other areas, Psychiatric Social Counselor, Staff Officer of the USAF Surgeon General's Office and Social Work Department. He has authored many articles in the related professional publications, and is licensed as a LCSW and NASW.

John resides in San Antonio with his wife. They have four grown children. He is also a licensed sport pilot.

## Public Servant, Judge Nelson Wolff



Nelson William Wolff has been dedicated to making participation in government accessible to the people throughout his entire public career. Access, physically, virtually, and in every way has been a theme of his service which spans four decades.

Throughout his lifetime in serving the public, Judge Wolff has led the efforts in the construction or reconfiguration of many public facilities in San Antonio and Bexar county, always, with the advocacy and implementation of the accessibilities for all people. "People remember us for what we build, and what we build needs to serve everyone", says Judge Wolff. Although there is only one facility that has been named for Judge Wolff, the baseball stadium constructed during his days as Mayor of San Antonio, many other buildings and public projects bear his imprint. For each of them, accessibility by those with disabilities has been a high priority.

He was appointed Bexar County Judge in 2001 and has since been elected to the position in November 2002 and again in 2006. Judge Wolff also served as Mayor of San Antonio, State House Representative, and Texas Senator.

Wolff holds a bachelor of business administration from St. Mary's University and a doctorate of jurisprudence from St. Mary's University School of Law. Throughout his life, Wolff has excelled in both politics and business; he formed the Alamo Enterprises Building Supplies, Sun Harvest Farms, and recently, Green Fields Market.

Judge Wolff authored four books, together he and his wife, Tracy, have six children. The couple guided the effort to restore the Bexar County Courthouse through the Hidalgo Foundation.

## Chris and Eddie Canales, Gridiron Heroes



Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation was formed in 2003 with a specific mission, to provide immediate, as well as, long term resources and support to individuals sustaining catastrophic spinal cord injury through activities associated with high school football.

On November 2, 2001, Chris Canales, a senior defensive back playing for San Marcos Baptist Academy, sustained a spinal cord injury during the fourth quarter of his final regular season game. Chris lay motionless on the field for 19 minutes. The next three weeks, Chris fought for his life. The following months he battled through rehabilitation trying to gain movement and learning how to function as a quadriplegic. Chris' injury and the lack of any organized support system for families prompted his father, Eddie Canales, the Canales family, and former coach Mike Kipp to begin the founding of Gridiron Heroes, a desperate need of an organization to help families who were forced to deal with the consequences of this devastating injury.

Receiving calls from other states, Gridiron Heroes has taken step towards helping others nationwide. There have been others who suffered this similar injury in the past, unfortunately and inevitably there will be more. Gridiron Heroes will be there for the next family who finds themselves in this life-changing situation.

## Exhibitors

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 Accessibility Home Modifications  
 Advocacy, Inc.  
 Alamo Service Connection  
 Amerigroup Community Care  
 AnyBabyCan  
 BBVA Compass Bank  
 Business Network Institute  
 Catholic Charities  
 Center for Healthcare  
 City of SA, DCI  
 Classic Theatre of San Antonio  
 Coalition of Texans w/Disabilities  
 ComtekMedia  
 CSD of Texas  
 DARS Division for Blind

Deaf Interpreter Services  
 Documation, Inc.  
 Dreams Fulfilled Through Music  
 Dubois & Associates  
 Fair Housing Council of Greater SA  
 Gridiron Heroes  
 Hearing Loss Assoc. of SA  
 Humana Marketpoint  
 My House Dolly  
 Lighthouse for the Blind, SA  
 Methodist Mission Home  
 Molina Healthcare, Inc.  
 Morgan's Wonderland  
 Mosaic  
 New York Life Ins Co - DeeDee  
 Belmares

Pressing On  
 Pride PHC Services, Inc.  
 Rebath of San Antonio  
 SA Housing Authority  
 SA Public Library  
 Scooter Store  
 Seniors 2000  
 Shield Healthcare  
 Superior Health Plan  
 Texas Public Radio  
 The ARC of San Antonio  
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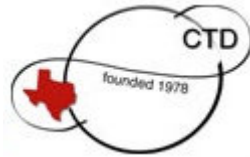
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