

The PORTLIGHT View

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Portlight Disaster Relief: Going Mobile

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As we continue preparations for our disaster response, we are in need of food items to stock the mobile kitchen. We will also need funds in reserve for fuel and deployment expenses. We rely on the grassroots support, generosity and ingenuity of our members, and appreciate all you do!!

Please donate @
www.portlight.org!



With the help of the Quality of Life grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and your generous support, Portlight has purchased and outfitted a disaster relief trailer! The trailer is packed and ready to go at a moment's notice, to help those in need in the aftermath of disaster.

Portlight's disaster response plan will now include setting up a mobile kitchen, which will allow us to feed up to 500 people per day! Our focus will continue to be on people with disabilities, particularly in outlying areas which are so often overlooked after a disaster. Our goal is to provide sustenance and support to these communities until basic services are restored. The Portlight relief tent will be a place to go for a meal or a cup of coffee, but more importantly, to reconnect with neighbors and friends. Our volunteers will be on hand to lend a supportive shoulder, as always, and to help survivors begin taking the first steps toward recovery.

If you'd like to be part of our disaster relief team, email Paul Timmons, paul@portlight.org.



The trailer is equipped with a 6800-watt generator, 4-burner stove, oven, grill, refrigerator, two portable ramps, fans, an air-conditioning unit, wheelchairs, walkers and other durable medical and miscellaneous equipment.



Portlight Launches New Website



Portlight is ready to respond to those in need, anytime, anywhere. The new website provides easy access to news about our current projects and plans.

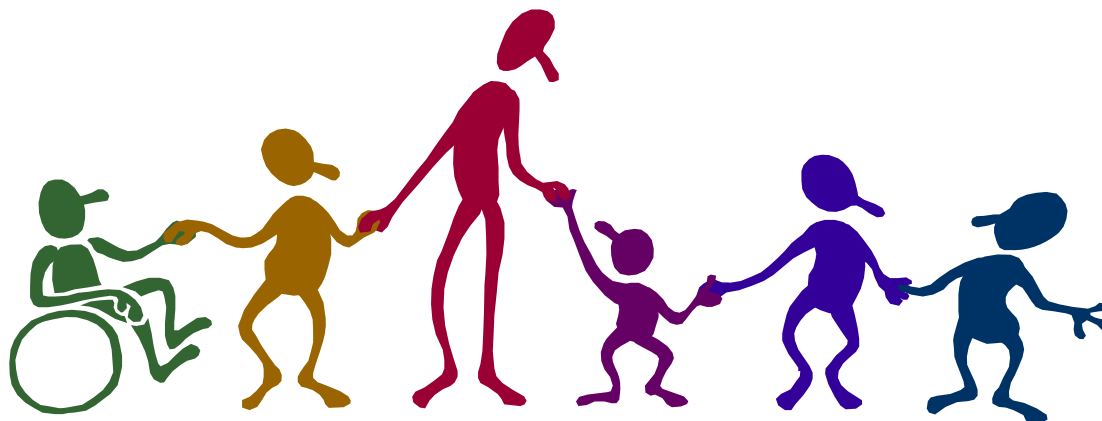
At last, and after much hard work by two very diligent helpers, the new and improved Portlight website has launched!! There's still some "tweaking" to be done, but we're quite pleased with the new site, and we hope you will be, too. Please check it out, and send your friends and family to visit us on the web!

Keep up with our latest response efforts and current projects, follow the Portlight blog, and view our photo gallery to see your donations at work. You can grab a copy of the Honor Walk flyer when you're ready to walk/jog/roll for the cause, which we encourage you to do at any time of year. And of course, we also encourage you to hit that PayPal button as often as you can, to continue supporting our efforts for underserved, unserved and forgotten people. Portlight has expanded its reach and effectiveness by leaps and bounds over the last couple of years, and we hope to continue that growth in the months and years ahead. There is so much need, and as a solid, imaginative and enthusiastic grassroots organization, we stand ready to help wherever and whenever we're needed, but we can't do it without YOU!

If there is something you'd like to see on the website, or if you have photos you'd like to contribute to the gallery, please submit them to ron@portlight.org. If you have ideas for community outreach, disaster response, or fundraising, please send an email to paul@portlight.org.



2010 Portlight/Weather Underground Honor Walk & Roll For Disaster Relief



What:

A nationwide, grassroots event to raise funds for & awareness of our ongoing efforts at home and abroad.

Why:

Unserved, underserved and forgotten people are depending on us.

When:

Your choice - and it doesn't have to be just once. You can hold your Honor Walk & Roll as many times as you want!

Where:

You choose where to walk, run, roll or ride - the park, the mall, the bike trails, the high-school track - it's entirely up to you!

Business T-Shirt Sponsorship:

Listing on the back of Honor Walk & Roll T-Shirt, plus 2 shirts - \$150.00

To register, email your intention to participate to
paul@portlight.org

Visit www.portlight.org for sponsorship forms, a copy of this flyer for distribution, and more information!

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Meeting the needs of unserved,
underserved & forgotten people
worldwide

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Portlight Strategies, Inc. offers a unique way for you to help people in need help themselves. Since 1997, we have provided medical equipment, such as wheel chairs, walkers, and crutches; ramp construction and minor home modifications; and post disaster relief, free of charge, to people with disabilities and others in need.

These efforts - which all too often are not covered by private insurance, government assistance programs, nor large, bureaucratic organizations - can open the door to new, independent lives for people critically in need of a little help.

Most of the equipment we distribute is donated by institutions, individuals, and families. We never charge recipients, and our budget is raised entirely from individuals and small businesses.

Portlight Strategies, Inc. - a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization, created by people with disabilities for the purpose of building personal and community empowerment.

Check out our new website!
www.portlight.org

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM



The world's first online weather service, Weather Underground is committed to delivering the most comprehensive, reliable weather information possible, including sophisticated hurricane tracking services. The company's state-of-the-art technology monitors conditions and forecasts for locations across the world. With over 17,000 users contributing local observations from personal weather stations, Weather Underground is able to provide up-to-the-minute weather conditions for the most finely targeted areas through its web site, www.wunderground.com.

2010 Honor Walk & Roll: Get Out There!

The long, hot summer is over and fall is finally here! What better way to enjoy it than by gathering sponsors and going on an honor walk -- or ride or run - for Portlight.

Weather Underground has once again stepped graciously up to the plate as National Sponsor of our 2010 Honor Walk and Roll. As we enter a new decade, it's going to have a new look and feel.

This year, rather than focus on one specific date, we're spreading the fun throughout the year. We are reach-

ing out to groups and individuals to participate at whatever time and in whatever way works best for them. We're beginning to see that not limiting people to a certain date is opening up the prospect of much broader participation.

Please give some thought as to when, and to what extent, you'd like to participate in the 2010 Portlight/WU Honor Walk. If you're a lone wolf and want to do something on your own, that's great! If you want to make a bigger production of it and involve friends, co-workers, etc., that's great, too!! We've

updated the website (www.portlight.org) with all the documentation you'll need to solicit sponsors.

All funds raised through June 30, 2010, will be earmarked for our relief, rebuilding and shelter efforts in Haiti. After that date, they will be applied to our domestic relief projects. We've worked hard to prepare effective response strategies and are confident that, with your continued support, we can make a difference in the lives of unserved, underserved and forgotten people.

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