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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### *County Holds Disabilities Awareness Fair to Celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**WHAT:** The San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities will host a Disabilities Awareness Fair in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA established a clear and comprehensive mandate to eliminate discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment and public accommodations. There are 140,000 San Mateo County residents living with disabilities; and the ADA has greatly contributed to their quality of life by reducing barriers and changing perceptions over the past 20 years.

The Disabilities Awareness Fair is free, open to the public, and will feature service dog demonstrations, an accessible bus display, emergency preparedness information and resource tables from close to 50 agencies serving people with disabilities in San Mateo County. There will also be a barbecue lunch (available for purchase) prepared by the Foster City Lions Club.

**WHO:** The fair is free and open to the public.  
Sponsored by the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities

**WHEN:** Monday, July 26, 2010

**WHERE:** County Center Plaza, Redwood City  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
455 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

**VISUALS:** ADA Resource Tables  
Accessible Bus Display  
Service Dog Demos

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To request ADA Reasonable Accommodations, contact Craig McCulloh at [cmcculloh@co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:cmcculloh@co.sanmateo.ca.us) or (650) 573-2480. Please provide 72 hours advance notice.

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