



**The Resource
Connection, Inc.**


Equipping congregations and
their leaders to recognize the
disabled.



**THE DISABLED
ARE AN
UNREACHED PEOPLE
GROUP**



THE SECRET YOU NEED TO HEAR



ONLY **5%** OF CHURCHES WORLD WIDE
PROVIDE OUTREACH TO THE DISABLED IN
THEIR CONGREGATION BECAUSE
92% OF
CHURCH LEADERS
ARE NOT AWARE OF THE DISABLED WITHIN THEIR
CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITY.

ENLIGHTENMENT

- WHAT IS A DISABILITY ?
- A MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED CONDITION THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING .
- 45 MILLION PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAKE UP 17% OF THE UNITED STATES.
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE WHOLENESS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.



Alzheimer's...Parkinsons...multiple sclerosis...diabetes...strokes...autism...ADHD...depression... Cerebral palsy...deaf/hard of hearing...blind...brain injury...service related post traumatic stress disorder...lung disease...cancer...Intellectual disabilities.....

If only I could touch His HEM I shall be made well.

Matthew 9:21

HOW DOES DISABILITY IMPACT YOUR CONGREGATIONS?

- Do you have a youth /teen group?
- Do you serve members 55 and older
- Do you have children's Sunday school programs?
 - Do you do adult outreach?
- Does your congregation have a nursery?

■ **Did you answer yes to any of these questions ?**

DID YOU KNOW IN YOUR CONGREGATION OF 600 MEMBERS

- 1 in 5 families will be affected by a disability (120 families)
- 1 in 8 children 6-14 years old will have a disability
- 18 families will have a family member with MR, intellectual disability
- 1 person will be affected by MR, intellectual disability
- 4 out of 5 marriages that produce a child with a disability will end in divorce
- 1 in 91 children will be diagnosed with autism
- 1 in 4 American families will have a loved one with a serious brain disorder
- Parkinson and Alzheimer's Diseases are at an all time high
- Siblings of children with disabilities are 4 times more likely to be maladjusted than their peers who have typical siblings

SCRIPTURE CALLS US TO ACTION AS WE GAIN KNOWLEDGE IN THE NEEDS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

- 46% of persons with a disability are employed
- 52% of people over 65 years old has a disability
- Every 16 seconds a child is diagnosed with a Autism
- 3.3 million people 15 years or older use a wheel chair
- 1 in 4 Americans will have a loved one experience a serious mental health need.
- 50% of those Americans will have need for serious mental health before they are 15 years old.
- 1 in 4 mothers suffer from diagnosed depression
- 400,000 people will die this year of a disability from overeating

Inaction is not an option... Lets become Empowered

- 70 % of moms cannot continue to work
- 1 in 4 children with disabilities are cared for by a single mom.
- 80% divorce rate for parents of a child with a disability
- 90% divorce rate for families who have a child with autism
- 90% divorce rate for families who's child passes away
- 2/3 of families with a disabled child have incomes below \$50,000
- 64,000 children need mental health services and do not receive them.

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The H.E.M. Project
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- We are already doing so much outreach in our church!
We know "The H.E.M. Project" strengthens your pastors and leaders as they minister .
- We really don't know what to do to address those huge needs in our congregation?
You ARE actually Already responding to crisis calls..
ARE YOU THE PASTOR OF THE DAY ?...HELP ME PASTOR MY DAUGHTER IS CUTTING AND BURNING.
ARE YOU A SENIOR PASTOR? ...CAN YOU VISIT MY FATHER IN THE HOSPITAL HE HAD A STROKE?
ARE YOU THE CHILDREN'S PASTOR? ...MY THREE YEAR OLD SON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM.
- How can TRC strengthen our leaders as they minister in our congregations?
- How can TRC provide positive outcomes for our families before a crisis occurs?
 - Where do I begin?

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- Where do I begin?
Contact
The Resource Connection, Inc (TRC) 804-746-4303 x 360
 - ❖ Personal Consultants
 - ❖ Overview of church needs assessments
 - ❖ Tool kit designed to evaluate growth and development
 - ❖ Workshops and training as it pertains to EQUIPPING your pastors and leaders
 - ❖ Access to The Resource Connection's resource center for families navigating the system of services.
 - ❖ Ongoing support and partnerships

The Resource Connection Inc (TRC)

- ❑ Equips congregation and leaders to continue to serve families in need
- ❑ Establish and strengthens community relationships
- ❑ Enlightens your pastors/leaders on the disabled in your congregation
- ❑ Provide educational and instructional workshops, training, and outreach opportunities
- ❑ Connect community resources and re-establish grass roots efforts for the disabled



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- ❑ A non profit providing strategies to equip ministers to recognized the disabled in their congregations .
- A Resource Center-providing resources and support for families
- The H.E.M Project- Training designed for pastors and leaders to equip an address the needs of the disabled in congregations
- "LIFE LINE" - webcams connecting home bound to support and community relationships.
- "HOPE" A monthly support group for parents of children that are disabled
- Mathew's Light : Raising monthly support for disabled orphans
- Urban outreach
 - Music camps-Adults and children with disabilities
 - Annual Celebrating Families Carnival - Yearly Missions outreach
 - Home improvements & Ramp building
 - Saturday Sitters-Monthly respite for children under 5 with disabilities, County Partners
- MatheW Frank Memorial Scholarship -Yearly Scholarship to High Schools Seniors
- Workshops/Training /Seminars -personalized to each congregation and their goals of outreach
- Adaptive Equipment -Donating adaptive equipment to families in need

Scripture Calls us to Action as we gain knowledge in the needs of others....

Joanna B. Frank -Founder/Executive Director serves her community from the unique vantage point of having 25 years of health care administration experience combined with her own personal experience of parenting children with disabilities. Her strong commitment to reaching the unreached has helped open doors .

- ❑Created a Sunday school program in 1999 "God's Music" celebrating children with disabilities at Mechanicsville Christian Center with up to 45 volunteers each year
 - ❑Replicated God's Music in 10 churches across the United States
- ❑Founded/Executive Director of The Resource Connection, Inc. a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that equips congregations and their leaders to recognize and meet the needs of the disabled.
- ❑Joanna has been invited into 80 congregations across denomination/race to enlighten and equip leaders and has created new opportunities for disabled children and adults in their congregation and community.
 - ❑Strategically helped over 4,000 individuals with disabilities in the past 5 years
- ❑Created and facilitated "HOPE", a monthly support group focused on strengthening married couples on a journey with a disabled loved one
 - ❑Co-founded and Co-facilitates "Saturday Sitters", a Monthly Respite Program in Hanover County for parents of disabled children under 5
- ❑Presented 60 workshops/and training programs to county, state and federal staff, as well as families
 - ❑Funded 6 college scholarships for High School Seniors
- ❑Facilitated 20 outreach projects for disabled adults and children including Music Camps, Carnivals and Horseback riding
 - ❑Annual Celebrating Families Carnival- Partners with 5 congregations ,22 business/ community based programs to celebrate adults and children with disabilities . Missions outreach .

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT TOUCHING THE HEM OF JESUS.

- THERE ARE FOUR KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHICH ONE ARE YOU?
 - THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CAREGIVERS
 - THOSE WHO ARE CAREGIVERS
 - THOSE WHO WILL BE CAREGIVERS
 - AND THOSE WHO WILL NEED CAREGIVERS

WHAT OTHER CHURCHES HAVE TO SAY !

- We appreciate your vision and passion as The Resource Connection worked with our congregation and leaders this year . The training, encouragement and direction lead us to best practices as we created a new Sunday school program for children with special needs.
Candi Brown Minister to Children First Baptist Church Richmond , Virginia
- The Resource Connection is a lifeline. It's a ministry that embraces individuals with disabilities and their families by providing understanding, compassion and experience that help equip congregations and leaders to recognize and meet the needs of the disabled in their congregation.
Senior Pastor Carter Goolsby Mechanicsville Christian Center Mechanicsville VA
- The Resource Connection helped equip our congregation as we created new opportunities for families on a journey with a disabled loved one.
Ronnie Houston God's Music 2 New Life Church Gahanna, Ohio

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Statistical Resources :

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