



Second Annual
Awards Gala

April 28, 2011



*Advocating to Improve the Lives
of Marylanders with Disabilities*

Welcome

Dear Friends:

The Board and staff of Maryland Disability Law Center welcome and thank you for attending our second annual *Breaking Barriers* awards gala. We are truly grateful for your generous support of our efforts to improve the lives of Marylanders with disabilities.

This year's *Breaking Barriers* provides an important opportunity to recognize and share with the community extraordinary achievements in disability rights. Just a few of the accomplishments made possible with the funds raised at last year's *Breaking Barriers* include:

- Public policy work to enable competent individuals under guardianship to vote, and to ensure that patients in state psychiatric hospitals receive effective care in safe settings;
- Helping hundreds of families obtain appropriate special education services for their children;
- Ensuring adequate transition plans for former residents of the now-closed Rosewood Center, and assisting residents of nursing facilities who want to transition to the community;
- Assisting Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities to obtain the health care services they need;
- Monitoring institutions and conducting investigations to keep people with disabilities free from abuse and neglect;
- Drastically improving the transportation system that serves people with disabilities;
- Creating new affordable, accessible housing opportunities for people with disabilities.

Our hope is that all our guests tonight will be inspired by the progress we are making and resolve to continue supporting us as we confront the difficult challenges ahead. We are committed to ensuring that your partnership will result in systemic change for people with all types of disabilities throughout Maryland. We are very glad that you are here.

Public Service Award

Delegate James Hubbard



Delegate James Hubbard has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1992, representing District 23A in Prince George's County. He has been a member of the Health and Government Operations Committee since 2003 and Chairs its Subcommittee on Public Health and Long-Term Care. He has been the House Assistant Majority Leader since 2007, and has also served on the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families; as the House Chair of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Universal Access to Quality and Affordable Health

Care; and as a member of the Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council, where he co-chaired the work group on public health, safety net and special populations.

Delegate Hubbard has been a strong and invaluable advocate for Marylanders with disabilities in the General Assembly. It takes tremendous integrity to stand up for traditionally disenfranchised individuals who lack financial resources and political clout; Delegate Hubbard has done so continually and passionately. Among his contributions to disability rights, he sponsored legislation to close the obsolete Rosewood Center and has championed numerous measures to help people with all types of disabilities receive the services and supports they need to live healthy, productive lives in the community. In the 2011 legislative session, Delegate Hubbard was the House sponsor of legislation MDLC drafted to ensure that patients in state psychiatric hospitals receive quality care in safe settings.

A lifelong resident of Prince George's County, Delegate Hubbard graduated from Northwestern High School and the University of Maryland. He and his wife, Susan, have one son and became new grandparents earlier this year.

Legal Services Award

Venable LLP

For more than a century, Venable LLP has been an integral part of Maryland's professional community. Venable is one of America's top 100 law firms, with nearly 600 attorneys in offices from coast-to-coast working in an array of legal practice areas.

Beyond its reputation as a leading law firm, Venable also sets a high standard of commitment to the communities in which the firm and its clients are situated. This includes a strong commitment to supporting the efforts of the public interest legal community in Maryland. Venable recognizes that justice requires access to an effective legal advocate for all individuals, regardless of their means.

Venable attorneys are leaders and volunteers in philanthropic organizations and have performed tens of thousands of hours of pro bono work. Through MDLC, pro bono attorneys from Venable have provided legal representation to people with disabilities. In addition, MDLC has greatly benefitted from the volunteer service of Venable attorneys on its Board of Directors: Mitchell Mirviss, who served for over a decade and Thomas Langan, who has served for 18 months.

In addition to its commitment to pro bono work, the firm established the Venable Foundation in 1983 to promote the health and well-being of the communities where Venable's clients and attorneys work and live. MDLC has been the proud recipient of grants from the Venable Foundation, which have provided flexible funds that may be utilized in the areas of greatest need. The funds have supported MDLC's strong public policy efforts to make significant strides for MDLC's clients.

MDLC is very grateful to Venable for the leadership it has demonstrated, the confidence it has placed in our organization, and its esteem for our work to improve the lives of Marylanders with disabilities.

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Grassroots Advocacy Award

Sandra Spears

Sandra Spears is a native Baltimorean who graduated with honors from the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS), then attended Baltimore City Community College and Coppin State College, focusing in Education and Criminal Justice.



Sandra's daughter, Ayanna, was born in 1983 and at the age of 3, was diagnosed with intellectual disability and autism. Thus began Sandra's vocation as parent-advocate, along with her quest to obtain appropriate educational services for Ayanna.

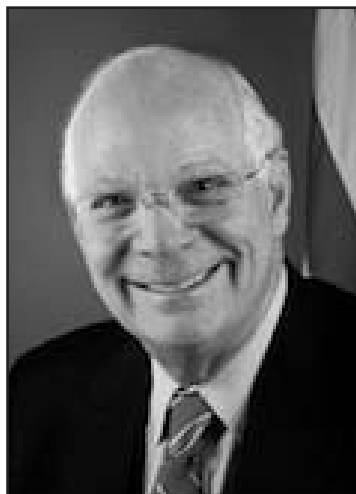
Today, Sandra directs the CityWide Special Education Advocacy Project (CityWide), a broad coalition of parents and other caregivers, advocates and service providers of students with disabilities, working collaboratively with BCPSS to improve academic and social outcomes for students who receive special education services.

CityWide's mission is to improve education and supportive services for Baltimore City students with disabilities and their families. The coalition was launched by MDLC to empower families, inform our *Vaughn G.* litigation and improve outcomes for students. Under Sandra's leadership, CityWide is now on its way to becoming a viable, parent-run, community-based nonprofit organization that will continue supporting students in special education and their families in their quest to obtain the educational services they need to be successful and participate meaningfully in all aspects of community life.

Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin has a long record of accomplishment advocating for the service and civil rights of people with disabilities. This year's Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Senator Cardin and Lorraine Sheehan served in the Maryland House of Delegates together, where he became the youngest elected Speaker. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987 – 2006 and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006. Senator



Cardin's current committee assignments include Finance, Budget, Foreign Relations, Small Business & Entrepreneurship, and Environment & Public Works.

Throughout his career, Senator Cardin has been a leader on health care, Social Security and civil rights, among other important issues. He has been a stalwart champion in the struggle to achieve quality, affordable health care for all, supporting the Affordable Care Act with the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) provisions, and voting to extend the enhanced FMAP to help states shore up their Medicaid programs during the economic downturn. He has worked to ensure access to dental care and is working to address health disparities.

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Senator Cardin has been a consistent defender of civil liberties and programs that provide legal assistance for low-income individuals. When the Wall Street reform bill failed to extend federal insurance to the lawyer trust accounts that help supply funding to Maryland Legal Services Corp. grantees such as MDLC, Senator Cardin helped shepherd through a bill to fix this problem. He also supported Rosa's Law, a bill replicating the recently enacted Maryland law, to change the disesteemed phrase "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" wherever it appeared in federal statute.

Last year, Senator Cardin presented the first Breaking Barriers Lifetime Achievement award posthumously to the late, great Lorraine Sheehan, who was MDLC's cherished Director of Public Policy. Lorraine's children John Sheehan and Laura Carr accepted the award on Lorraine's behalf, and it was then announced that this award would henceforth bear Lorraine's name. MDLC is very pleased to welcome John and Laura back this year to present the Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award to Senator Ben Cardin.

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Maryland Delegate Jim Hubbard

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- Silent auction will be open for bids from 6:00 pm, and will close at 8:45pm.
- Bids will be disqualified if minimum increases are not observed.
- Winning bidders are asked to pay before leaving by cash, check (payable to MDLC), or Master Card/Visa.
- All sales are final, no substitutions or exchanges from MDLC or from the donors. All items are “as is” unless otherwise noted.
- The values listed are for estimation only and are not warranted for tax purposes. Winners will receive a letter verifying amount donated.

“Thank you” to Mark Mandelkorn, our
2011 Breaking Barriers silent auction chair.

“Thank you” to Adam May from WJZ TV,
our 2011 Breaking Barriers emcee.

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Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

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