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## New CEO Announced

The Board of Directors of The Independence Center (The IC) have selected Patricia Yeager as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Patricia served as the Executive Director of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers in Sacramento. She has been active in the Independent Living movement for 30 years, promoting access

to higher education in Pittsburgh and Denver, shaping public policies as well as developing and implementing services at Independent Living Centers in Denver and San Diego. She has provided organizational consulting to Independent Living Centers and Councils around the country.

She earned her Masters in Rehabilitation from West Virginia University, and a Doctorate in Human Rehabilitation from the University of Northern Colorado.

"We are excited to have Patricia on board with us," said Trudy Dawson, Board Chair at The IC. "Patricia brings years of experience and expertise to the role and will help lead the Center."

Patricia began her role as CEO on October 3rd, and has been serving as Interim CEO since April.



The IC staff at a retreat in October

### Board of Directors and Executive Staff

**Board Chair:**  
Trudy Dawson  
**Vice Chair:**  
Maureen Christopher  
**Treasurer:**  
James Sullivan, III  
**Secretary:**  
Rosemary Walker  
**Members:**  
Dean Christensen, CPA  
Patrick Going  
Jeri Howells  
Peter Howells  
Doug Smith  
**Executive Staff:**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Patricia Yeager  
Director of Human Resources (vacant)  
Director of Operations  
Michael Nesti  
Director of Home Health  
Katey Castilla  
Director of Independent Living  
Dixie Herring

If you would like to start receiving the Independence Times electronically, please email Amanda at [areynolds@theindependencecenter.org](mailto:areynolds@theindependencecenter.org)

## YOU'RE INVITED

Please join us in welcoming Patricia Yeager as the new CEO of The Independence Center.

October 27, 2011  
4:00—6:00 PM  
The Independence Center  
729 S. Tejon St  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Light refreshments will be served.  
Please RSVP to Amanda at [areynolds@theindependencecenter.org](mailto:areynolds@theindependencecenter.org) by October 25th.



## Introducing: The New Accessibility Store Manager

The IC is excited to welcome Shannon Lee, the new Retail Manager of The Accessibility Store (TAS). Shannon comes to The IC with several years of retail management experience and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock, TX. A Native of Texas, Shannon moved to Colorado Springs in 2009 with husband Ben and two children. Mrs. Lee became TAC Store Retail Manager in September and is working on a variety of improvement projects and product changes.

The mission of TAS is to provide adaptive technologies and devices to people in Southern Colorado to make their lives more independent and improve their quality of life. "No one's disability is the same as the next person, so having a diverse selection of products to choose from is important. Our goal is to help every guest with not only exceptional customer service, but the products they need to make life better," Shannon commented. Stop in and meet Shannon today and see the variety of products TAS has to offer, including an increased line of optic devices from Eschenbach.

## New Accessibility Store Products

The Accessibility Store (TAS) now carries a full line of Janska products. Made in Colorado, Janska strives to be both comfortable and useable by everyone. Their designs allows for limited movement getting on and off, helpful to individual who have limited mobility. People with Alzheimer, dementia and arthritis will be able to use the oversized buttons.

TAS now carries an extensive line of Janska products, including their pocket cape, the pocket scarf, the Easy-Wear jacket, leg and arm warmers, LapWrap and MocSocks. Offered in a variety of colors, TAS' Janska line offers something for everyone.

Through the end of the year, TAS consumers who bring in the coupon to the left, will receive 20% off when they purchase the scarf, MocSocks, and arm or leg warmers together for \$35.00

TAS is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM until 4 PM. Additionally, appointments are available for evenings or weekends by calling the store at 719-219-8182 or by email at

info@store4access.com. There is an online at [www.store4access.com](http://www.store4access.com). Staff are also able to provide on-site product demonstrations for individuals or groups and can be scheduled by phone or email.



The Accessibility Store Team  
Michael, William, Victoria & Shannon



## Send Us Your Favorite Cookbook Recipes!

We are seeking your favorite recipes to include in a cookbook. Our goal is to create a cookbook with recipes from people with disabilities for people with disabilities. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, please include your photograph and a brief biography of yourself. Please send your recipe and information to Liz Hunter-Ball at [lhunter-ball@theindependencecenter.org](mailto:lhunter-ball@theindependencecenter.org) by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you have any questions please call Liz at 471-8181 x141.

## Calhan Health Fair

The first Calhan Outreach Education and Health Fair was held on Saturday, September 24th, 2011. The event was held in Whittemore Hall of the El Paso County Fairgrounds. Over 50 participants attended and received information from over 30 vendors. A few of the vendors included The Independence Center, Southern Colorado Aids Project, Meet the Challenge, The Resource Exchange, The Multiple Sclerosis Society and The Alzheimer's Association.

The Calhan Outreach Coalition is a member based organization that is working towards establishing the St. Paul Community Outreach Center (COC). The COC will serve the surrounding communities of eastern El Paso County and has an opportunity to build on land adjacent to the St. Paul Lutheran Church. The COC will be a safe and supportive environment that will encourage and empower the entire community. The COC along with partnering agencies will be able to offer the following services to the community; outreach to seniors and youth, a computer lab, emergency assistance, information and referral, parenting and awareness classes and a community room. Agencies like The Independence Center will be able to use The COC as a satellite location and provide services to the community. The Education and Health fair was one of the events that the Calhan Outreach Coalition collaborated with to provide information to the community and raise awareness of The COC. In addition to writing grants, ongoing fundraisers including three golf tournaments have taken place to raise funds for The St. Paul Community Outreach Center.

For more information on the St. Paul Community Outreach Center or becoming a member of the Calhan Outreach Coalition, please contact Calvin or Patty Jolly at [jolly@skybeam.com](mailto:jolly@skybeam.com) or 719-347-2662.



## UbiDuo Impacts Communication

The UbiDuo is changing the day to day operations of The Independence Center. Smaller than a laptop, the duo set of machines provides instant conversations for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals through real time messaging, allowing real time communication with a person who does not use sign language.

The UbiDuo provides Terri Wildman and Kyle Dunn, receptionists at The Independence Center, the chance to converse easily with all clients. In the past, the front desk staff relied on rough sign language and pens and paper to assist individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. "If you don't use sign language daily, you lose it. This way we can do more than basic signs," Wildman said. The machine allows for instant conversation and is easy to use.

The UbiDuo is one of the many tools The Independence Center has to facilitate communication and independence for its consumers. Striving to assist individuals with disabilities to live fully independent lives, The Independence Center sees the UbiDuo as another resource to help individuals with disabilities to overcome the barriers in communication that they face in everyday life throughout the Colorado Springs community.

"It really has streamlined our office," CEO Patricia Yeager commented. "We can serve our consumers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and provide them better assistance. Now any employee or consumer that has a hearing loss or communication disability that needs this type of equipment can interact with and have an entire, detailed conversation."

Questions about the UbiDuo can be directed to Angela Tenorio, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, at 471-8181 ext. 121, email [atenorio@theindependencecenter.org](mailto:atenorio@theindependencecenter.org). The video phone number, if needed, is 719-358-2513.



Bring in this coupon and get a winter "set" - a Janska scarf, mock socks, and arm or leg warmers for only \$35.00.

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