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Harford County Launches New TV Series Celebrating Local People With Disabilities

BEL AIR, Md., (Jan. 8, 2015) - The Harford County Commission on Disabilities and Harford Cable Network launched an exciting new TV series on January 1 celebrating the lives of local people with disabilities. The half-hour program titled “abiliTV” airs exclusively on Harford Cable Network, hosted by Rachel Harbin, disabilities coordinator for Harford County government.

“This is the first show of its kind in Harford County and our hope is that it will help address the need for information, support and encouragement in the local disability community,” Ms. Harbin said. “The effort thus far has generated tremendous excitement, and I want to thank the citizens and local groups who jumped in to join us on the first episode. We can’t wait to work with many more people as the series progresses.”

The first half-hour episode will be rebroadcast through the end of March on Mondays at 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The program is also available on Video on Demand at <http://hcn.pegcentral.com>.

Viewers will see the stories, witness the challenges and celebrate the accomplishments of friends, neighbors and family members with disabilities. Episode one also provides information on local resources, meetings and events for the disability community, including the following:

Pumped Up! Experience a soccer training session aimed at preparing athletes for their next round of competition in the Special Olympics.

At Your Service! Learn how puppies are trained and shaped into indispensable guide dogs.

Parent Power! Gain insight into the challenges parents face when their children are first diagnosed with a disability - and where they are going for help.

Workin' It Out! Meet an employee with disabilities who is proving that dedication, a good work ethic and a positive attitude can create a positive work life.

Future episodes will be produced quarterly and rebroadcast on the same weekly schedule noted above.

“abiliTV” depends upon the collaboration of Harford County citizens. Please send show feedback and suggestions to disability@harfordcountymd.gov or call 410-638-3373.

Harford Cable Network (HCN) is Harford County’s Public Access, Education and Government (PEG) channel. Operated by the County Council and overseen by an advisory board, HCN reaches more than 70,000 cable subscribers on Comcast channel 21, Armstrong channel 7 and Verizon FiOS channel 31. Visit www.harfordcable.org for more information.

The Harford County Commission on Disabilities was established in 1995 to serve as the voice of the disability community in Harford County. Members are appointed by the county executive, with the approval of the council.

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