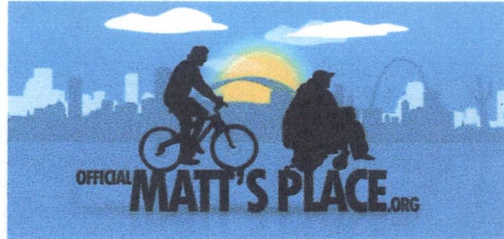


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Mr. Herrera
City Clerk
Re: Matt Eddy's Victory
finish line: Aquarium of the Pacific
October 9, 2010 arrival
Frances Emily Dawson Harris

Guinness Book Of World Records & Matt's Place Inc. Present “Journey Of A Million Smiles”



Matt Eddy will be attempting to set a new Guinness Book World Record “Trans USA by Wheelchair” Claim ID 279955 while conducting the “Million Smiles Tour”. Matt has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and is only strong enough to move two fingers. He is confined to a wheelchair and requires a ventilator to breathe. Matt will leave Red Rock Park at Lynn Beach in Lynn, Massachusetts on June 5, 2010 at 10am and drive his wheelchair on back roads across the USA with a final destination of The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California. Matt's goal is to cross the USA in the shortest time by wheelchair while collecting one dollar from one million people. The journey is estimated to take 120 days. The funds raised from the “Million Smiles Tour” will support the programs provided by Matt's Place Inc.

Matt's Place Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which helps people with severe physical disabilities who are intellectually capable of directing their own care live independently in the community. Matt's Place provides housing, caregiver training and scheduling and community education and awareness. Currently there are millions of non-elderly adults living in nursing homes and chronic care institutions simply because there is a severe shortage of affordable accessible housing. The programs of Matt's Place are a win-win situation for all Americans. Enabling people with severe physical disabilities to live independently within their community not only provides a better quality of life for people with disabilities but also is more cost effective.

Our current fundraising goal is \$35,000. This will provide the funds necessary to get Matt and his support staff across the country and to abide by the guidelines set up by Guinness Book World Records to verify and claim the “Trans USA by Wheelchair” record. All donations are tax deductible and can be made payable to Matt's Place Inc. PO Box 305 Lynn, MA 01903 or online at officialmattsplace.org.









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Matt,
Bravo!
May you continue
to be an effective
voice for people
with disabilities!
May you continue
to be blessed in all
of your endeavors!

Francesca Emily Dawson Harris
Former CA CoD Commissioner
ER, L.B.
member CDR Chap. #32



Congratulations Matt
and his team!
Fastest time by
Wheelchair on
Life Support

June 5 - October 9, 2010

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