

All-Ways Accessible *All-Ways In-Touch*

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A Quarterly News Letter From All-Ways Accessible (AWA)

Proudly serving residential and commercial customers throughout NH, ME, and VT for over 12 years

ACCESSIBLE DESTINATIONS!

We all like to get out and do fun things in the summer. However, if you are in a wheelchair or have difficulty walking, getting out to enjoy the people and places throughout New England can be very difficult. We decided to survey some of our customers about their favorite places to go; places that people of all abilities can enjoy. Here is the list we have so far:

- **SQUAM LAKE SCIENCE CENTER**
Holderness, NH 603.968.2229 www.nhnature.org
- **SEACOAST SCIENCE CENTER**
Rye, NH 603.436.8043 www.seacoastsciencecenter.org
- **CLARK'S TRADING POST**
Lincoln, NH 603.745.8913 www.clarkstradingpost.com
- **CHRISTA MCAULIFFE PLANETARIUM**
Concord, NH 603.271.STAR (7827) www.starhop.com
- **FUN SPOT**
Weirs Beach, NH 603.366.4377 www.funspotnh.com

GAS SAVING TIPS!



Observe the Speed Limit

While each vehicle reaches its optimal fuel economy at a different speed (or range of speeds), gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph.

As a rule of thumb, you can assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.20/gallon for gas.

Observing the speed limit is also safer.

Fuel Economy Benefit	7-23%
Equivalent Gasoline Savings	26¢-86¢ PER GALLON

For more information on these and other gas saving tips, visit www.fueleconomy.gov

TRAVEL TIP!

A client of ours has a young daughter who has been disabled since birth and is confined to a wheelchair. One of the things the Mom struggles with constantly, especially when traveling, is finding places to give her daughter a break from her wheelchair. That requires a private area with a bed or cot. One of the things the Mom has learned to ask for when visiting places is whether they have a first aid room or a nurse's station. This is usually a private area that can be used for chair breaks and/or a changing station. She suggests calling the facility first, talk about your needs and see if they can be accommodated. Last year the Mom wanted to take her daughter to Clark's Trading Post. Clark's has gone to great lengths to make the facility accessible. The Mom



called Clark's Trading Post to ask them if they had a private place where she could give her adult daughter a break from her chair. The representative at Clark's Trading Post admitted that the thought had never occurred to her that adults would need a private place for changing and resting. But she went out of her way to assist the Mom and they ended up having a great visit. So you see, just asking a question creates a learning opportunity. And one can only hope those learning opportunities lead to positive accessible changes!

If you have a travel tip that you would like to share with our readers, be sure to send an email to Info@AWALifts.com



JANUARY
Central NE Chapter, National MS Society,
\$300.00 was raised!



FEBRUARY
Northern Human Services,
\$300.00 was raised!



MARCH
Path Ways of the River Valley,
\$550.00 was raised!

2008 GIVE BACK CAMPAIGN - UPDATE!

The 2008 Give Back Campaign was developed as a way to say "Thank You" to some of the community partners All-Ways Accessible, Inc. has worked with over the years. Since the campaign began back in January, a total of \$1,650 has been donated to local service organizations. The 2008 Give Back Campaign is an ongoing program that will benefit 12 different community based organizations through out the year. For every residential Stair Lift or Wheelchair lift sold each month, All-Ways Accessible, Inc. donates \$50.00 to each organization.



If you would like more information on the 2008 Give Back Campaign, please visit our web site at www.awalifts.com

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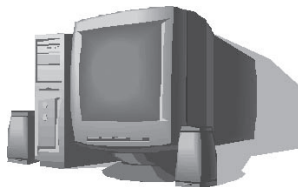
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Save the environment AND help your community.
Donate your old computer equipment to the Donation Network.

WHAT: Donate your old computers to MaxImpact Institute's "Computer in Every Home" program.

WHY: Provide technology to schools, non profits, low income and disabled residents. Give the power of technology to those who otherwise could not afford it. Technology is Empowerment!

HOW: Working systems are refurbished and made available to individuals and humanitarian organizations. All non operable systems are environmentally disposed of by our EPA certified partners.

For more information, visit their website at www.donationnetworks.org

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President's Message – Buyer Beware!

A disquieting email came across my desk the other day. I thought I would share it with our readers.

"My mother has a 2006 Bison 50 stair lift in her home. It is not working and I do not know how to get service for evaluation and repair. She is 92 yrs old and lives in North Andover, MA. Company X was the installing company but I have been unable to reach them and question if they still exist. I believe the chair needs a new battery since there is no power noted. I would appreciate any assistance you can provide."

All-Ways Accessible, Inc. gets calls and emails like this all the time, and it just burns

me that this keeps happening to people. Remember what your mother used to say "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!" That stair lift deal might sound great, but is the company that is selling it to you going to be around in a year or two to service it and provide you with parts? If it breaks down and you can't get it serviced or you can't get replacement parts that "deal" just became a whole lot more expensive! Do yourself and your loved ones a favor, try to do business with companies that have been around a while. Check the Better Business Bureau to find out if there are any complaints against the company. Also, check their standing with the state. Each state has a directory of reg-

istered businesses. If they aren't on the list, or they are not in good standing, you might not want to do business with them. At the minimum, you'll be able to determine how long they have been in business. All-Ways Accessible, Inc. has been serving customers since 1996, and we plan to keep on serving our customers for many years to come.

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