

WHEREAS, achievement of independence and self-sufficiency by all citizens, including the nearly twenty percent of the population who have disabilities, is a high priority for the delivery of human services in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, responding to the unmet needs of their fellow citizens, Alexandria citizens with disabilities, including John Duty Collins, III, joined with other members of Handicaps Unlimited of Northern Virginia, to found a center for independent living, or CIL, to serve the citizens of Northern Virginia; the second of what was to become sixteen CILs in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, its founders named the CIL ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) to symbolize its mission which is to end dependence through the empowerment of all persons with disabilities living in the Northern Virginia area; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years since it opened its doors in 1982, ECVN has provided a unique combination of consumer-directed, independent-living support services, including peer counseling, independent-living skills training, information and referral, advocacy, accessible-housing search, and personal assistance services, to hundreds of citizens of the City of Alexandria, and the entire Northern Virginia region, empowering them to achieve their own personal independent-living goals; and

WHEREAS, as a community resource and advocacy center run by and for persons with disabilities, ECVN has worked in close collaboration with the City and the disability community, in particular, the Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities, to improve the quality of life for Alexandria citizens with disabilities, promote independent living in the community, and equal access and full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, throughout its twenty years, many Alexandria citizens have, and continue, to be involved in the growth and development of ECVN and the independent-living movement in Northern Virginia, as ECVN board members, staff and volunteers, including individuals such as The Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Chet Avery, Patricia Beattie, Barbara Gilley, Abbie Moore, Glenn Millis, and Robert Werth, as well as ECVN co-founder and former ECVN Board President John Duty Collins, III; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is proud that it was instrumental in the founding of the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia and supports its continued work on behalf of citizens with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, upon this, the twentieth anniversary of ECVN's founding, do hereby proclaim the forthcoming month of July 2002, during which we also celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act as:

"ENDependence Month"

in recognition of the contributions of ECVN and Alexandria citizens with disabilities to the development of the independent-living and disability-rights movement, and call upon all citizens, government agencies, and public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Alexandria to recommit our community to the goal of independent living and equal access for all citizens with disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of June 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

Disability is a natural part of life.

As a community-based, consumer-controlled resource and advocacy center, ECVN promotes independent living and equal access for all persons living with disabilities.

ECNV's **Mission** is to *end* dependence through the empowerment of all persons with disabilities living in the Northern Virginia area. In order to fulfill its mission,

ECNV offers four core services:

- Advocacy and Outreach
- Information and Referral
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Peer Counseling and Support Services



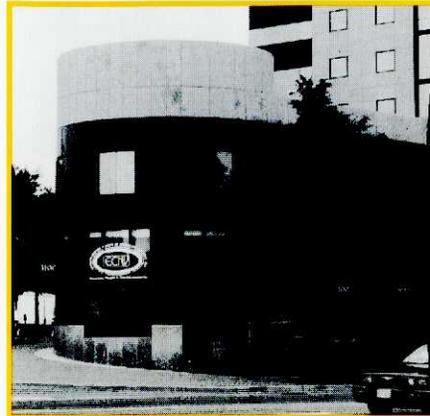
Above: Hon. Justin Dart, "father of the ADA" speaks at ECVN's Annual Meeting.

Right: ECVN members converse at a social function.



■ Visiting ECVN ★

- Clarendon Metro Stop (Orange line) 
- Metrobus (routes 24M, 24P, 38B) 
- Underground and street parking are available. 
- Highland Street garage has a 6'8" clearance. (See map below.)



ECNV is located at the corner of Clarendon, Wilson and Washington Boulevards, across from the Clarendon Metro stop on the Orange line.



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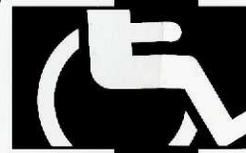
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Independent Living Skills Training

Advocacy & Outreach

Information & Referral

Peer Counseling

Resource Library

Workshops

Support Groups

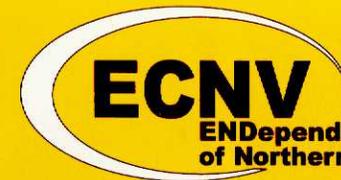
Community Resources

Education & Awareness

Personal Assistance Registry

Assistive Technologies Onsite

Information Technology Access



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■ **Advocacy and Outreach**

ECNV works in partnership with agencies and organizations at the local, state and federal level to remove attitudinal, physical, environmental, and communication barriers. ECVN participates in collaborative efforts to ensure and maintain human rights and civil liberties regarding equal access, equal opportunity, economic development, and full inclusion in society.

Efforts focus on:

- Emerging issues in disability
- Identification of needs and strategies
- Policy and legislative changes
- Enforcement of the rights of persons with disabilities
- History and philosophy of the independent living movement
- Sensitivity training and educational workshops

■ **Information and Referral**

ECNV provides a number of information and referral services for its members and the community as a whole. These include:

- A unique disability resource library
- A newsletter and monthly calendar of events
- Fact Sheets targeting specific issues
- Dissemination of informational updates



ECNV counselors and staff are available to assist you in planning, setting and achieving success toward your independent living goals.



Left: State-of-the-art skills training facilities are located within ECVN, including a fully operational, accessible kitchen.



Right: ECVN's accessible computer terminals are located in our resource library.

■ **Independent Living Skills**

ECNV offers state-of-the-art facilities for independent living skills training, such as:

- Instructional demonstrations and classes for youth transitioning from academic environments
- Assistive technologies, including accessible and fully operational kitchen, bath, and laundry facilities, are available as demonstrative learning tools
- Accessible computer workstations with internet access
- A modern conference room with a built-in audio loop and communications technology is available to corporate and individual members upon request

■ **Peer Counseling & Support Services**

ECNV offers services necessary for persons with disabilities to live independently in the community. Counseling services include:

- Trained peer counselors on staff
- One-to-one mentoring services

- Peer support groups focusing on social interaction, mutual interests and living with disability
- Workshops covering topics such as assistive technology, housing, and employment

A peer counselor is available to answer your questions by phone at **(703) 525-ECNV** (3268-Voice) or **703-525-3553** (TTY).

■ **...and more**

Ideally located in Arlington Virginia near the nation's capital, tours of the ECVN facility are available with advance notice. The Center is accommodating to individuals with all types of disabilities, including chemical sensitivity and environmental illness. There is a dedicated area free of contaminants. Other services include:

- Personal assistance services (PAS) Registry
- Interpreter services
- Arranged use of ECVN facilities

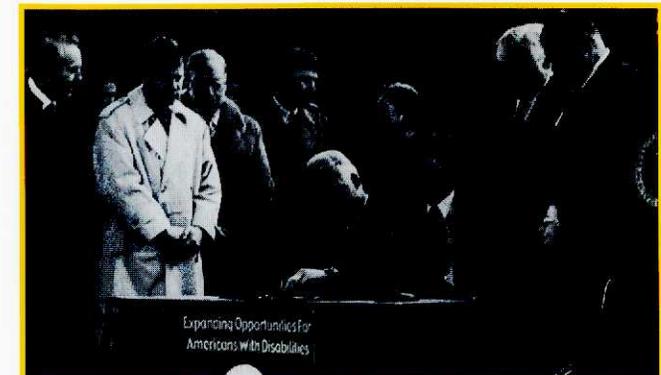
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Senators Dole and Kennedy watch as President Clinton signs the Ticket-to-Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA).