



Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

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Who We Are

United Spinal Association is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization formed in 1946 by paralyzed veterans who pioneered the disability rights movement. We are an active voice in the disability community and a leading provider of outstanding programs and services for individuals with disabilities.

Our Mission

The mission of United Spinal is to improve the quality of life of all Americans living with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D), including multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), and post-polio.

Our Community

According to recent statistics provided by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, paralysis is dramatically more widespread than previously thought. Approximately 1.9 percent of the U.S. population, or 5,596,000 people reported they were living with some form of paralysis, defined by the study as a central nervous system disorder resulting in difficulty or inability to move the upper or lower extremities. Data also show that 1,275,000 people in the United States are living with spinal cord injury—more than five times the number of Americans previously estimated in 2007. Many of these individuals struggle to live actively and independently.

Our Vision

The core belief of United Spinal is that, despite living with a disability or mobility impairment, a full, pro-active, and rewarding life is not only possible, it is within the reach of anyone with the strength to believe it and the courage to make it happen.

Our Commitment

United Spinal is committed to promoting inclusion, improving accessibility, fostering independence, enhancing mobility, and demanding equality for all individuals living with SCI/D.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Kids Sports Spectacular—A Day of Fun and Camaraderie

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, United Spinal continued to develop its Kids Sports Spectacular (KSS) program (www.unitedspinal.org/kss). Returning to Comcast Spectacor/Wachovia Complex in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 16, 2008 for the fourth consecutive year, United Spinal offered kids with disabilities a day of fun and camaraderie.

Offering children who are wheelchair users the opportunity to discover the positive benefits of adaptive sports and recreation, United Spinal created the first KSS event in August 2004 in Philadelphia, PA. These events, which are free and open to the public, leave lasting, positive effects on participants and their families. For some of these kids, it's the first time they have ever participated in sports-related activities that teach the value of teamwork and build confidence and self-esteem.

Each year, more and more kids participate in KSS events around the country. And this past year was the best yet. It's just a small part of United Spinal's nationwide effort to provide outstanding programs for children and all Americans with disabilities so that they are empowered to realize their dreams.

"This was one of the best days in my life. I thought this day would never come. It's fun. Every wheelchair user could go to a place that they're invited to. This was a great experience."— Karina, Kids Sports Spectacular Participant



PepsiCo Kid's Sports Festival

United Spinal teamed up with PepsiCo to offer kids with disabilities a fun-filled day of recreational activities and games during PepsiCo's 3rd annual Kids Sports Festival event held on September 29, 2009 at the company's World Headquarters in Purchase, NY.

Volunteers from United Spinal and other disability organizations offered instruction in a variety of adaptive sports including basketball, softball, tennis, and hand cycling, to teach the importance of self-esteem, teamwork, and friendship.

The event was hosted by EnAble, PepsiCo's employee network that promotes diversity and the inclusion of people with different abilities.

"PepsiCo's Kids Sports Festivities would not be possible without the support of organizations such as United Spinal Association. They bring so much to the table. We believe in taking a harmonized approach to promoting diversity and inclusion. We aren't experts in disability issues, so gaining the insight and support of knowledgeable disability groups and nonprofit organizations make these events even more rewarding for everyone involved."— Lynda Costa, president of PepsiCo's Westchester EnAble

ENABLING INDEPENDENCE

Active Living For All

United Spinal's Independence Expos (www.independenceexpo.org) were hosted in Long Island, New York and Orlando, Florida in FY 2009. Designed to encourage independence and active living for individuals with disabilities and aging Americans, these premier events provided thousands of people with disabilities and aging Americans the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals and disability advocates—as well as participate in life-enhancing workshops.

We believe that making the right choice when selecting services, care providers and assistive technology are the cornerstones of personal independence. Knowing what is available and having the opportunity to compare products and services goes a long way in helping an individual make the right choice. Our Independence Expos offer attendees a great opportunity to learn and to get the information that will empower them.

"I am planning to move in with my girlfriend and wanted to get some advice on making the apartment more suitable for my needs. Rather than spending hours searching on the Internet, I decided to come to United Spinal's Independence Expo because all of the information is in one place. It's rare having an event like this so close to home, where so many disability experts are available to offer you support."— Dante Kroon, Independence Expo Long Island attendee.

"Florida has not had a show like this for at least 10 years. Independence Expo, coordinated by United Spinal Association, is a show much needed here and also appreciated. Thank you to everyone involved from the bottom of my heart."— Chris Summerfield, Independence Expo Orlando attendee.

Taxi Training

United Spinal has actively encouraged wheelchair and scooter users in the New York City metropolitan area to call 311 to request a wheelchair-accessible taxi via the new Accessible Dispatch Program.

This system links passengers who use wheelchairs with accessible vehicles through a central dispatcher. Residents and visitors to NYC can call 311 for a pre-arranged service. 311 connects the passenger to a dispatcher who collects the passenger's pick-up location and communicates electronically with participating drivers. The closest available driver accepts the dispatch and picks up the passenger.

As part of this program, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission selected United Spinal Association to train taxi drivers in proper use of wheelchair securement devices and disability etiquette.

Our organization continued to advocate for wheelchair-accessible taxis in New York since our members discovered them in other U.S. cities in the 1990s. As one of the lead groups in the New York City 'Taxis For All Campaign' (www.taxisforall.org), our advocacy helped to achieve the language in the 2003 and 2006 City laws that required the 231 wheelchair-accessible taxis operating here.

Disability Etiquette Training

United Spinal Association has customized numerous "Disability Etiquette" training sessions for companies, organizations, and schools. Our experienced staff takes a personal approach to teaching how to effectively interact with individuals with various disabilities, to be sensitive to each person, and to understand that everyone, no matter what their ability level, prefers being treated as independent people. These training sessions expand on topics covered in United Spinal's most popular resource booklet—*Disability Etiquette-Tips on Interacting with People with Disabilities*—with over 500,000 copies distributed around the world.

In FY 09, United Spinal conducted Disability Etiquette training sessions with:

- HireAbility (Camden County, NJ)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (Arlington, VA)
- NJ Division of Voc. Rehab (Gloucester County, NJ)
- Rice University (Houston, TX)
- Grinnell College (Des Moines, Iowa)
- Barclay Capital (NYC, NY)
- NYC Taxi & Limo Commission

Accessibility Services Training

This past fiscal year, United Spinal's Accessibility Services program continued providing accredited training and technical assistance on the latest city, state and federal accessibility requirements throughout the country. Accessibility Services offered custom designed half- and full-day training programs from certified accessibility specialists, plan examiners, attorneys, architects and code enforcement officials. This has enabled many architectural firms to become knowledgeable in the latest accessibility issues and requirements.

Accessibility Services is devoted exclusively to making our built environment accessible to people with disabilities and helped write the landmark Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Air Carrier Access Act of 1986. Accessibility Services continues to be an active participant in writing building codes at the local, state, and federal level as we are active participants in the Access Board's Committee on Transportable Housing, members of the ANSI Editorial Committee, and Chairperson of the ANSI Residential Committee.

National Service Officer Training

United Spinal's VetsFirst program conducted its annual advanced veterans service officer training seminars designed to provide advanced instruction on a variety of issues to individuals who are experienced, VA-accredited national service officers (NSOs) for national veterans service organizations and state and county departments of veterans affairs. The seminars also offer an opportunity to recruit experienced NSOs to become dually-accredited service officers with United Spinal Association/VetsFirst. This allows VetsFirst to expand the number and geographical location of accredited service representatives who can represent veterans and their families under our power-of-attorney.

EXCHANGING IDEAS

2nd Annual Disability Leadership and Policy Summit

On June 3, 2009, United Spinal Association presented the 2nd Annual Disability Leadership & Policy Summit: Health Issues and People with Disabilities, a gathering to promote an exchange of ideas between people with disabilities and public officials, disability rights advocates, educators, transportation providers, business leaders, and health and human service professionals. The event was hosted by United Spinal Association, Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged, Hofstra University and the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, and sponsored by Acorda Therapeutics.

Featured speakers included Peter Thomas, Esq, co-chair of the Health Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Dr. Mary Curtis, deputy county executive of Health and Human Services; Dr. Adam B. Stein, MD, chairman, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, The North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System; and Jamie Mitus, PhD, program director and an assistant professor at Hofstra University in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program.

Among the exhibitors in attendance was Long Island ILC, Hofstra Students with Disabilities, Hope Fitness, Independence Care Systems (ICS), Stay Home Beds, and the Testaverde Fund for Spinal Cord Injuries—giving attendees an opportunity to learn more about innovative products and services available to individuals with disabilities and aging Americans.

"I consider it a personal and professional responsibility to remain informed as to the issues that individuals with disabilities face. I'm attending the Summit to learn how to help our community collectively, and myself individually confront disability issues and become a more effective self-advocate."—Michael Kalberer, Hofstra graduate, Mineola, NY.

"This is my second consecutive year attending the Summit. It offers great information for an advocate for people with disabilities like myself. I find it important to be knowledgeable and educated about the issues facing the disability community."—Lauren Granger, Town of Hempstead Parks Department.



Congress of Spinal Cord Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation Conference

United Spinal Association continued offering the largest and most prestigious professional conference on spinal cord injuries and disorders at the Gaylord Palms Hotel in Orlando, Florida, from August 11-13, 2008. Sponsors included the American Paraplegia Society, the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses, the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, and the Therapy Leadership Council for Spinal Cord Injury.

More than 120 education sessions and over 100 poster presentations covered topics from research advances that limit long term spinal cord injury damage, to support programs for the family members of persons living with these conditions.

The conference also provided continuing medical education credits to those in attendance, including doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and therapists who treat individuals with spinal cord injuries or disorders like multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, post-polio, and ALS.

Without the support of United Spinal Association, that basically allowed the associations to rise up on the shoulders of giants, we would not be here. We thank United Spinal so very, very much for bringing us to this point and we look forward to continuing our relationship.”—Indira S. Lanig, MD, chair of the Joint Program Committee of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses (AASCIN); American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers (AASCIPSW); American Paraplegia Society (APS); and the Therapy Leadership Council on Spinal Cord Injury

Media Outreach—Spreading Our Message

In FY 09, the public was made aware of disability issues through United Spinal Association’s Web sites, public service mailings, journals and magazines, conferences and instructional sessions, informative publications, participatory events, email alerts, television and print media, and by our greatest assets, our members and supporters.

United Spinal regularly distributed press releases and newsletters highlighting our most recent activities, advocacy efforts, and events. In addition, the organization broadened its presence online, hosting a variety of Web sites offering detailed info on our programs and services.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Spinal Cord Central

United Spinal Association and the National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA) launched Spinal Cord Central (www.spinalcordcentral.org), a new Web site for members of the SCI/D community who are seeking information and resource referrals related to SCI/D, such as rehabilitation; health and wellness; daily living; financial and legal issues; disaster preparedness; travel; ADA compliance; architectural barriers; and wheelchairs and assistive technology.

The program serves people with paralysis as a result of SCI/D, their families, friends and others who have a strong interest or involvement with them, including health care professionals, direct service providers, and businesses focused primarily on serving this market.

Building on a combined 120 years of shared experience, United Spinal and NSCIA bring unique competencies to a joint resource center. NSCIA offers an existing structure and resource services supported by professionals (nurse) and volunteers, including staff with direct, personal experience with SCI/D. United Spinal staff has substantial expertise in a number of relevant areas, including travel planning, accessibility services, civil rights advocacy, wheelchairs and assistive technology, hospital and home based services, and graduate trained social workers.

Ask VetsFirst—Serving Veterans in the 21st Century

To effectively assist our veteran population and expand its service representation program, VetsFirst (www.vetsfirst.org) implemented an exciting new Web-based service: Ask VetsFirst (<http://helpdesk.vetsfirst.org>). This ground-breaking service avails large numbers of veterans of an opportunity to get assistance with benefits-related inquiries quickly and efficiently.

In partnership with United Spinal, VetsFirst, is a new national nonprofit organization that helps all of America’s disabled veterans, their spouses, dependent family members and survivors receive healthcare, compensation, rehabilitation and other benefits offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Spinal Network Resource Book For Wheelchair Users

United Spinal and New Mobility (www.newmobility.com) released the 4th edition of Spinal Network: The Total Wheelchair Resource Book. Spinal Network is the essential resource for making important life choices after spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, post-polio syndrome, amputation, ALS and other conditions. Through the eyes of survivors who have paved the way, this information-packed book explores options in health, technology, attendant services, employment, travel, sports, relationships, sexuality and parenting. It explains—in clear language—the intricacies of legal rights, government benefits and cure research. It covers the arts and media that affect how society views people with disabilities—and how we view ourselves. Sometimes humorous, always honest, Spinal Network is the one book you need to not only survive disability, but maybe even enjoy the ride.

Assistive Technology

United Spinal maintained its strong presence as a provider of valuable wheelchair and assistive technology information. The organization's interactive USA Techguide (www.usatechguide.org) Web site offered a variety of resources to the disability community on the latest wheelchairs and adaptive equipment, including reviews, breaking news, and timely information on ground-breaking advancements in assistive technology. The site also allows visitors to submit questions or get advice on wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and equipment from United Spinal experts.

Accessible Transportation

United Spinal Association is collaborating with the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Accessible Public Transportation (RERC-APT) on ways to empower consumers and transit service providers in the design and evaluation of accessible transportation equipment, information services, and physical environments.

The RERC-APT is a partnership between the Robotics Institute and the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA Center) at the University at Buffalo. The 5-year project was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

As part of the project, the team will be creating a public Web site where riders can report on their experiences and collaborate with transit providers on ways to improve the transportation system. It will also use advances in machine learning to develop software that can assist riders in reaching their destinations. United Spinal Association's Accessibility Services division will be working with program participants and lending unique knowledge and extensive skills to this project.

Wheelchair Repair Clinics

United Spinal Association believes that sustaining mobility through the use of safe and well maintained wheelchairs and scooters can promote independence, maintain health, and empower individuals with disabilities. Through a generous grant from the Aetna Foundation United Spinal's Wheelchair Medic division conducted free wheelchair and scooter repair clinics at Harlem Hospital in New York City and at St. Charles Hospital in Albertson, NY.

The mission of Wheelchair Medic, a mobility equipment service and sales provider created by United Spinal, is to keep people with disabilities mobile at all times. Wheelchair Medic's main facility is located in Fort Totten, NY, but it uses a fleet of five repair vehicles to perform house calls so that technicians can complete most repairs at customers' homes. Our motto is "we're mobile so you can be too." You can visit Wheelchair Medic at www.wheelchairmedic.com

"Aetna and the Aetna Foundation are pleased and proud to help bring this important safety inspection and repair clinic to area residents. We urge our members and others to take advantage of these free services to help ensure their own safety and mobility, or that of their loved ones."—
Steven Logan, President of Aetna's Northeast Region

SUPPORTING RESEARCH



Led by a dedicated staff of approximately 50 researchers and scientists from around the world, the Yale University Medical School's Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research has been on the forefront of cutting-edge research throughout its history and has numerous "firsts" in understanding the mechanisms behind SCI/D. These include the first demonstration that cell transplantation can enhance nerve impulse conduction in the injured spinal cord; the first demonstration of the molecular basis for remission in multiple sclerosis (MS); the first demonstration of the molecular basis for pain after SCI; and the first demonstration that bone marrow stem cells—introduced intravenously—can protect the injured brain and spinal cord.

Dan Flaherty, a California resident whose 27 year-old daughter Bridget had passed away 5 years after she was spinal cord injured, chose to support the work at Yale after visiting the Center and having an extensive discussion with Dr. Waxman on his research initiatives and the importance of studying SCI/D at the molecular level .

“We’d saved to do something in memory of Bridget and to help progress toward restorative treatment for spinal cord injury. Dr. Waxman’s work was the most solid and promising I’d found so we decided to donate our money to Yale. I think in terms of purpose, helping people with spinal cord injury and related disorders walk again and do things they used to, our goals are very similar to those of United Spinal Association and other organizations,” Flaherty says.

Like many parents of children with SCI/D, Flaherty was desperately in search of ways to help his daughter. “As parent of a kid that was spinal cord injured, the first thing I thought was, ‘how can I fix this.’ It’s a devastating injury. As you start to research the medical literature and realize there is very little in the way of treatment the situation can feel hopeless. And that’s why research grounded in science, such as the work of Dr. Waxman and his staff is so important to finding a cure. It’s not if, but when. I believe it’s only a matter of time before they find a way to restore function in people with SCI/D. We endowed a professorship at Yale to support work on SCI/D permanently, and were honored that Dr. Waxman was Yale’s first Bridget Marie Flaherty Professor of Neurology, Neurobiology, and Pharmacology.”

In June 2009, United Spinal presented \$153,000 to Yale to support its research initiatives. We have contributed over \$8 million to the Center since its founding in 1986. It is our hope that, one day, individuals touched by SCI/D like the Flaherty family will have access to more promising treatment options.

“We are incredibly proud of our partnership with United Spinal Association. It propels us financially and we really do share the same goals. We also get a gift of focus and mission because United Spinal not only gives dollars, but wants to know where those dollars are going.”— Stephen Waxman, PhD, director of Yale University Medical School’s Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research

University of Washington Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship

Beginning with a grant from United Spinal Association in 2001, the University of Washington MS Fellowship for physiatrists has trained either one or two fellows per year. The grant has helped provide talented fellowship-trained MS physicians to academic and non-academic MS centers and other group practices nationwide. Fellows participate in outpatient clinics, inpatient consultation, electrodiagnostic medicine, radiology, formal didactics, journal club, and related research.

“The Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship Program provided me with an invaluable learning experience. Nurtured by its environment, I feel that I grew both professionally and personally during the year. During my fellowship, I was able to accomplish more than I could have ever imagined. This program exceeded my expectations and gave me a strong base on which to build from for the future. “— Seema Khuran, DO

ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

Medicare Improvements Act

United Spinal Association, its advocates, its members and allied disability organizations implored Congress to override President Bush's veto of the Medicare Improvements Act. The Bush Administration intended to drastically restrict the availability of wheelchairs, especially motorized chairs, to Medicare recipients.

The disability community was outraged and United Spinal worked hard to educate Congress about how seriously the health and well being of people with disabilities was being damaged by Bush Administration policies. Physicians and their Medicare recipient patients were further outraged by a 10% pay cut to be imposed on physician reimbursement, making it harder for doctors to provide quality care.

United Spinal's year long grassroots effort culminated in the 383 to 41 vote in the house and a 70 to 26 vote in the Senate to override the presidential veto.

Women Without Limits Advisory Committee

The Women Without Limits Advisory Committee to United Spinal conducted a survey of women with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D) that included questions regarding the incidence of neglect and abuse. An initial survey was completed by participating women members of United Spinal. The survey was expanded to a national sample through a nationwide network of websites. The findings were disturbing, including 21% reporting having been denied use of a mobility aide and 22% reporting having experienced neglect of health care needs.

Women Without Limits and United Spinal stand together to help confront abuse and neglect. If you or someone you know has experienced abuse or neglect, we strongly urge that you take immediate action. United Spinal's Women Without Limits Advisory Committee is committed to enhancing the lives of all women with SCI/D by identifying and addressing the many issues that are relevant in their lives. Our work is accomplished through education, advocacy, increased awareness and protection of civil rights to ensure adequate health care and expand life choices of women with SCI/D.

Presidential Candidates Forum

Paul J. Tobin, United Spinal Association President & CEO, was part of a panel at a Presidential Candidates Forum in Columbus, Ohio on July 26, 2008. United Spinal helped to plan the event.

July 26th marks the 18th anniversary of passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark piece of legislation recognizing the civil rights of Americans with Disabilities.

Tobin discussed disability issues that matter to voters. Approximately 2,500 persons with disabilities were present at the Forum.

"I am proud that United Spinal has been able to join other organizations to help make the Presidential Candidates Forum a reality. It is time that our presidential candidates recognize people with disabilities as a considerable voting block. Hopefully this is the beginning of a new era."—
Paul J. Tobin, United Spinal Association President.

White House Briefing on Disability Policy and Initiatives

In an unprecedented effort to increase access to the executive branch and promote equal rights for people with disabilities, President Obama invited CEOs from the Nation's top disability organizations, including United Spinal Association, to participate in a White House briefing on the Administration's disability policy initiatives, and budget and recovery plans.

The invitation was the first time that an administration demonstrated a serious effort to provide people with disabilities an opportunity to influence domestic policy in a meaningful fashion. The President is also looking to employ people with disabilities in key positions based on merit, not as figureheads or solely in disability policy positions.



In FY 2009, supporters like you have enabled United Spinal to improve the lives of more Americans living with disabilities than ever before. Thanks again for making this past year extremely productive at United Spinal! There are a variety of ways you can support our important mission in the future.

Free Membership—Opening a World of Opportunities

Membership in the United Spinal Association is free and open to all individuals who have a spinal cord injury or disorder.

- Spinal cord injuries
- Spina bifida
- Diastematomyelia
- Tethered spinal cord syndrome
- Multiple sclerosis
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Poliomyelitis
- Syringomyelia

To learn more about the variety of membership benefits, please visit <http://www.unitedspinal.org/join-united-spinal-association>.

Associate Membership—Together We Can!

For the first time, United Spinal has opened its membership to everyone, with or without a spinal cord injury or disorder (SCI/D). Through our new Associate Member program, we're welcoming anyone with an interest or a stake in helping to enhance the lives of people with SCI/D.

Our Associate Member program is aggressively recruiting family members, caregivers, friends, spouses, interested lay persons, and others involved personally or professionally with individuals who are living with SCI/D. For more information, please visit http://www.unitedspinal.org/join-united-spinal-association/associate_membership.

Donate—Empower Lives

By donating to United Spinal, you can rest assured that your generous gift will be directly used toward life-enhancing programs and services that empower Americans with disabilities and mobility impairments of all ages. For over 60 years, caring individuals like you have enabled our organization to provide millions of people with disabilities the strength and courage to lead full, pro-active and rewarding lives. To learn more about ways you can donate to United Spinal, please visit <http://www.unitedspinal.org/donations>.

Roll Up Your Sleeves—Volunteer for United Spinal

Rolling up your sleeves and sacrificing your time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others is a tribute to America's do-it-yourself spirit.

The support of a dedicated community of volunteers empowers United Spinal Association to improve the quality of life of children and adults living with spinal cord injuries and disorders such as multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, post-polio syndrome, and Lou Gerigh's disease (ALS).

We need your help to bring our important message and valuable programs and services to communities across the country where individuals with disabilities are struggling to live actively and independently, receive adequate health care, find employment, and discover their potential in life; things many of us take for granted.



Our fellow Americans with disabilities and their family members strive to overcome great adversity. Their stories are an inspiration to United Spinal and many of our volunteers. It's part of the reason why, for over 60 years, we have been committed to serving our membership and the greater disability community.

We sincerely hope you join us to support those who have courageously faced some of life's most difficult challenges. You will be glad that you did.

For more information on volunteering for United Spinal Association, please email volunteers@unitedspinal.org or call our National Headquarters at 718-803-3782. We welcome the support of United Spinal members who would also like to volunteer.

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UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	-----JUNE 30,-----	
	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,236,477	\$1,899,584
Accounts and other receivables	369,390	299,724
Investments	209,160	905,437
Inventories	136,067	222,123
Prepaid expenses and other assets	98,725	93,416
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$499,490 and \$615,756	195,686	184,092
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,245,505	\$3,604,376
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,126,236	\$1,128,668
Accrued liability for compensated absences	504,277	554,473
Deferred revenue	18,400	29,910
Lease settlement obligation	2,106,667	2,399,980
Deferred rent payable		9,534
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,755,580	4,122,565
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT):		
Unrestricted	144,681	(896,962)
Temporarily restricted	18,000	51,519
Permanently restricted	327,244	327,244
TOTAL NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	489,925	(518,189)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	\$4,245,505	\$3,604,376

See notes to financial statements

UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,	
	2009	2008
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Contributions	\$11,149,713	\$11,365,042
Bequests	1,641,459	1,125,609
Donated services and facilities	2,890,600	2,394,600
Donated materials	20,900	28,800
Investment income (loss)	(42,794)	(53,945)
Program services income	2,214,118	1,908,428
Other income	133,542	105,623
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>18,007,536</u>	<u>16,874,357</u>
 EXPENSES:		
<i>Program services:</i>		
Veteran, member and public affairs	10,212,207	11,002,831
Grants and research	214,863	1,538,201
Wheelchair medic	1,486,687	1,458,665
<i>Total program services</i>	<u>11,913,757</u>	<u>13,999,697</u>
<i>Supporting services:</i>		
Management and general	1,502,227	1,995,714
Fund-raising	3,583,440	3,790,310
<i>Total supporting services</i>	<u>5,085,667</u>	<u>5,786,024</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>16,999,424</u>	<u>19,785,721</u>
Loss related to lease amendment	-	3,158,367
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	<u>16,999,424</u>	<u>22,944,088</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,008,114	(6,069,731)
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) -BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>(518,189)</u>	<u>5,551,542</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)-END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 489,925</u>	<u>\$ (518,189)</u>

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