

# Infinitec Awards

June 28, 1993



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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Infinitec Awards Dinner.

Tonight we gather with a shared commitment to shaping a better future for millions of people with disabilities. We pay special tribute to Senator Bob Dole and Sears, Roebuck and Co. as the first National Leadership Award recipients.

Your presence here this evening strengthens and facilitates the vital work of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago to make the Infinitec vision a reality.

We can only hope to give you a glimpse of the Infinitec story tonight, but we hope you will stay involved with this vitally important effort. The Americans with Disabilities Act can bring people with disabilities to the door of equal opportunity, Infinitec can help them in.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

## A message from the Dinner Chairman Lynn Martin

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A message from the

The unemployment rate for 43 million Americans with disabilities is a staggering 67 percent. The price of dependency is equally staggering: each year we spend \$200 billion in dependency payments for people with disabilities. Yet when people with disabilities move from dependence to independence, everyone wins. For instance, when 300 persons with disabilities entered the workforce in one area of Long Island, New York last year, they earned \$4.5 million, becoming independent taxpayers and eliminating \$2 million in Social Security benefits.

The majority of the adults with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 64 want to work but have been unable to find jobs. Instead, men and women with disabilities have found their opportunity for competitive employment blocked by architectural and attitudinal barriers. This loss of human potential and productivity is tragic.

When people with disabilities have the chance to compete for jobs, however, they prove to be competent, dedicated and loyal employees. Harris poll data show that an overwhelming majority of managers give employees with disabilities a good or excellent rating on their overall job performance, willingness to work hard, reliability, attendance, punctuality, productivity and desire for promotion. Assistive technology and the chance to demonstrate individual ability are key factors in the competitive employment of persons with disabilities.

Political leaders like Senator Robert Dole and corporations like Sears, Roebuck and Co. have successfully sought solutions to the problem of lost human potential. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed in 1990 under the skilled leadership of Senator Dole, protects qualified employees with disabilities from discrimination in the workplace. Employers like Sears Roebuck have shown that, with assistive technology in the form of adaptive equipment, computer hardware and software, and inexpensive modifications to the workplace, employees with disabilities can produce on an equal basis with their non-disabled co-workers.

United Cerebral Palsy's Infinitec project will provide information about adaptive equipment and assistive technology that people with disabilities need to become productive employees. By closing the information gap that currently separates people with disabilities from the adaptive equipment that can help them compete, Infinitec will allow people with disabilities fuller access to productive, independent lives.

Infinitec began with a need, a \$7 million gift, and an idea nurtured by Irving Korita, Executive Director of UCP of Greater Chicago. That idea has grown into a national center that will be a unique meeting place where everyone -- persons with disabilities, agencies, and businesses -- concerned with meeting the mandate of the ADA can work together to ensure a productive, independent and constructive future for all Americans.

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# Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. John D. Kemp



Neil Hartigan, Chairman of the Infinitec National Advisory Committee; John Trutter, Chairman of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago; and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, at the announcement of the Infinitec Project.



A message from the Chairman of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago John T. Trutter

The story of Infinitec starts more than 40 years ago when grass-roots efforts organized United Cerebral Palsy. Its mission: to serve families of children with cerebral palsy, a non-hereditary condition that can be almost unnoticeable or totally disabling. Over the years, UCP's scope broadened. The organization became a resource to people with all disabilities.

In recent years at UCP, we have seen first-hand how advances in technology permit more control and independence for people with disabilities than previously possible. Assistive technology has thrown open the door to equal opportunity as no law alone can. New equipment can give speech to those who previously communicated through facial grimaces and gestures. Special controls allow people with limited hand function to operate rooms full of equipment.

The ultimate goal of full integration -- equal access to social, educational, employment and housing opportunities -- grows more realistic with these technological advances. The biggest problem to date has been getting these products to the people who need them.

Infinitec, a cooperative effort spearheaded by United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago, will improve access to assistive technology by serving as a meeting place for manufacturers, distributors, health care professionals, service providers, payer sources and people with disabilities to allow them to learn from each other. Aided by the vast resources and world-class reputation of nearby hospitals and rehab centers, Infinitec will help position Chicago as a major force in health care.

As the dream of Infinitec grows into reality, our success in fund raising will be dependent upon the dedication and leadership of many fine volunteers who share Infinitec's vision of the future.

Infinitec.

## Congratulations Senator Bob Dole and

## Sears, Roebuck and Co.

on receiving the Infinitec awards for your tireless commitment to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

We applaud the efforts of the Infinitec project and look forward, with hope, to a future of open doors.

## **Chicago Sun-Times**

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Based on percentage increase among newspapers in top 10 metropolitan markets. March, 1993, ABC FAS-FAX infinite potential through assistive technology

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Infinitec offers the solution to a massive problem, one of enormous cost in dollars and lost human potential. The goal is to unlock the infinite and unused potential of millions of Americans with disabilities through assistive



A non-verbal child can play with a speaking child using Touch Talker<sup>TM</sup>, a sophisticated communication device.

technology. Assistive technology is that technology which assists people with disabilities to function more efficiently and independently. The only program of its kind in North America, Infinitec will focus awareness on this technology while supporting the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Infinitec's extensive resources and services will be used by thousands of people annually.

The development of Infinitec, the outgrowth of the ATAC (Assistive Technology Application Center) project, is led by the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago.

## THE PROBLEM

- There are 43 million Americans with disabilities (the 1990 cost to the U.S. was \$177 billion).
- More than two thirds of working age Americans with disabilities are unemployed.
- Estimates show that a company spends \$150,000 on disability payments through age 65 for each employee not successfully rehabilitated.
- 8.4% of payroll cost is attributable to disability.
- In Illinois alone, up to 80% of people with disabilities lack the assistive technology to function at work, home or school.
- Nearly 30% of the technology prescribed is never used or is used improperly.



Assistive technology can lessen or eliminate many of the disabilities experienced by these 43 million Americans. Yet, those who need it often do not know what technology exists, where to get it, how to use it, or who can or should pay for it.

Jack Catlin, AIA, Architect (left) and Radosveta Doytcheva, PhD, AIA, Senior Project Designer of Loebl, Schlossman & Hackl, Inc., review architectural design drawings at a construction site.



Paul Scher, CRC, Rehabilitation Services Consultant at Sears, Robuck and Co., makes use of a Kurzweil ™ personal reader.

## THE SOLUTION

Infinitec is dedicated to unlocking the infinite and unused potential of millions of disabled Americans through:

### ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Infinitec will facilitate the efficient and appropriate use of assistive technology, from simple switches to sophisticated communication systems. With technology, people with disabilities will become contributing members of the workforce, supporting the economy rather than draining it.

### **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

There is no organized system in place that promotes awareness of state-of-the-art technology now available. Infinitec will house this information in the form of products and interactive displays so that users, prescribers, suppliers, and financial providers can base their decisions on current, comprehensive information and hands-on experience.

### RESEARCH

Infinitec will be the home of a research consortium that includes the University of Illinois at Chicago, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, the Veterans Administration and numerous local businesses. Research topics will include:

- Cost effectiveness of assistive technology
- Applications of technology to all workers, not just those with disabilities

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- New product development, and product testing and modification
- Prevention of secondary disabilities (i.e. pressure sores, increased weakness, depression)
- Net effect of technology application to business.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

This component will be provided by university faculty, health care professionals, commercial providers, manufacturers, technology experts and organizations serving people with disabilities. Training will include:

- Local, regional, and national conferences directed toward business on how to obtain and use assistive technology
- Courses for health care professionals on appropriate application and prescription of technology
- Courses for engineers, inventors and manufacturers regarding product designs and environmental modifications
- Seminars for families of people with disabilities
- Seminars for legislators and funding agencies on assistive technology and its uses
- Courses for prospective purchasers of assistive technology.

## THE MEANS

Building design for Infinitec was made possible by a generous bequest from a Chicago civic leader and former



Tanya Norris, third baseman for Norwood Park, shows off her trophy.

chairman of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Chicago. Fund raising by UCP will secure the additional dollars necessary to finalize construction and equip the building. The program will be self-supporting, as fees will be charged for many Infinitec services.

## THE FACILITY

Infinitec will be housed in a magnificent 70,000 sq ft glass and steel building in Chicago Technology Park, located in the heart of the Illinois Medical District. It will act as a living laboratory dealing with all aspects of disability. Large enough to bring all existing assistive technology together, it will accommodate not only models, displays and materials, but people as well. Those who provide technology and those who use it will have a stage for ongoing interaction.



Infinitec will be housed in a magnificent building in Chicago Technology Park.

### THE BENEFICIARIES

Infinitec will reach thousands of people internationally, who will take advantage of this one-of-a-kind facility and its unique programs. Among them:

- Builders
- Businesses wanting to learn about compliance with ADA
- Designers, inventors and engineers
- Educators
- Employers
- Funders, including insurers
- Manufacturers and dealers
- Members of disability organizations
- Park planners
- People with disabilities and their families
- Therapists, doctors, and other prescribers of assistive technology.

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Hansen Park and Norwood Park team members shake hands after a friendly game of T ball.

## THE FUTURE

The future of the 43 million Americans with disabilities is everyone's future. The tremendous positive impact of tapping this great human resource is real for business, the economy, and society as a whole. Infinitec believes that merging technology with training, expertise, and awareness results in realized potential and growth for

everyone.

Karen Meyer, president of her own consulting firm, uses a telephone device for the deaf (TDD) as part of her daily office life.

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June 28, 1993

# Thanks to you...

Tonight, with your help, Infinitec has taken another step toward becoming a reality.

The financial response by our Infinitec Award Dinner patrons, sponsors and contributors shown on the reverse, has been extremely generous and encouraging to our ongoing fundraising.

Thank you to our Dinner Chairman Lynn Martin, the Vice Chairmen and our honorees, Senator Dole and Sears, Roebuck and Co. for their participation in our success.

A special thank you must go to Roger Hughes of DonTech. His energy and commitment to making this event happen was an inspiration for us all.

You will learn more this evening about a major grant from the Ameritech Foundation. A simple thank you seems hardly sufficient to acknowledge this exciting and important gift.

And finally, we are especially pleased each of you have joined us this evening and hope that after learning more about Infinitec, you will stay involved with our efforts to improve the lives of millions of people with disabilities.

> John T. Trutter Chairman

> > (Over, please)

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## National Leadership Award U. S. Senator Bob Dole

Recognized as one of America's towering political figures, Senator Bob Dole has a distinguished record of public service that spans four decades.

A decorated and wounded combat veteran of World War II, Bob Dole was born and raised on the plains of western Kansas. This tough, commonsense conservative from America's heartland has experience few can match: he has been the Senate Majority Leader, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a two-time candidate for President, his party's nominee for Vice President, a member of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Republican Party, a state legislator and a county attorney. In 1992, Senator Dole was re-elected by the people of Kansas to an unprecedented fifth term in the U.S. Senate.

As the Senate Republican Leader, Bob Dole is recognized as the leader of the"loyal opposition," a position that published reports say has put Senator Dole "at the height of his political power and importance". Senator Dole's effectiveness as a consensus-builder and his commitment to deficit reduction have earned him the admiration of Republicans, Independents and Democrats alike.

Throughout his public career, Senator Dole has been a strong advocate for people with disabilities. His support of the Americans with Disabilities Act was essential to its passage and enactment. His amendments relating to personal assistive services in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act last year and policy letters from the Department of Agriculture to clarify the nutritional services for students with disabilities are indications of the Senator's legislative impact.

Senator Dole was born in Russell, Kansas, on July 22, 1923. He is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President of the American Red Cross. Senator Dole also has a daughter, Robin, who resides in Washington, D.C.

# SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

Making a difference in the lives of the disabled. . .



Timothy Needham, who has cerebral palsy, uses adaptive equipment to succeed at his job as a senior program analyst for Sears, Roebuck and Co.



Tony Norris, P.C. specialist; Isaac Hawkins, manager of workforce diversity; and Paul Scher, rehabilitation services consultant, discuss Sears' leadership in accommodating the needs of customers and associates with disabilites.



## Corporate Leadership Award Sears, Roebuck and Co. Accepted by Edward A. Brennan Chairman, President & CEO

Sears has been a leader in hiring people with disabilities since 1947, when it helped found what is now known as The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. In 1972, the Sears innovative Selective Placement Program helped pave the way for the hiring of thousands of men and women with physical and mental disabilities.

The program concept is simple. A person with a disability who meets Sears' criteria for employment, with or without reasonable accomodation, will be considered like any other applicant or associate. Sometimes Sears has accomodated the employee with special equipment, such as a reading machine or a voice activated computer. Other times, the adjustments have been as simple as replacing filing cabinets with bulletin boards to allow easier access.

Sears also strives to minimize absences caused by work-related injuries. Using a team approach, co-workers keep injured colleagues involved and up-to-date on Sears' activities and vice versa.

Sears was among the first corporations to make all its facilities accessible, including its stores. The company continued national leadership in advancing opportunities for people with disabilities with positive programs. Today, nearly 20,000 employees at Sears indicate they have disabilities. They are integrated into all levels of operation from upper management to customer service. Sears has received numerous awards recognizing its leadership on disability issues and has sponsored other awards and community projects focused on enabling more people with disabilities to join or re-enter the work force.

At a time when corporations are faced with soaring health care and Worker's Compensation costs, Sears sends a vital message. A caring attitude toward employees yields benefits not only in helping to control health costs but in enabling personal achievement.

## Dinner Program

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# Menu

Poached Salmon Medallion with Horseradish Cream Fraiche Lemon Dressing

Sliced Breast of Chicken filled with Spinach, Pine Nuts and Wild Mushrooms Sauce Merlot

> Manitoba Wild Rice Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

> Chocolate Terrine with Pistachio Nuts Creme Anglaise

> > Beverages

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> Congratulations to Senator Bob Dole and Edward A. Brennan

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United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago First Infinitec Awards Dinner

Monday, June 28, 1993, 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Sheraton Hotel & Towers 301 East North Water Street, Chicago Hotel Phone: 312/464-1000

Contact: Joan Martin/UCPA Chicago (312) 368-0380

<u>Purpose</u>: Receive 1st Infinitec National Leadership Award (for improving quality of life of people with disabilities). "Infinitec" name of new R&D assistive technology center established by UCPA/Chicago; means "infinite potential through assistive technology" (Fact sheet attached.) Other award: 1st Infinitec Corporate Award, to Ed Brennan, Sears CEO.

When, Where, What: [Detailed timeline attached.]

6:00 pm Reception begins in foyer of Grand Ballroom, on "Level B" (2nd Floor). [Go straight across lobby, take "up" escalator, which goes directly to Level B.] About 450-500 people will be present.

> You will be met at foyer entrance by Lynn Martin (evening MC; Fmr. Secretary of Labor, now w/ Deloitte, Touche); Dick Brown (Ameritech Vice Chairman), Ed Brennan (Sears CEO), John Trutter (Chair, UCPA/Chicago; retired, Illinois Bell); and John Kemp (UCPA/Nat'l).

6:45 pm You and others at head table lead into Grand Ballroom. About 50 round tables; head table slightly elevated.

> Head table: Lynn Martin & husband, Judge Harry Leinenweber (U.S. District Court for Northern Illinois; appt. 1985); Ed & Lois Brennan; Dick & Chris Brown; John & Weque (pr "weekway") Trutter; John Kemp; Neil & Marge Hardigan (fmr. Ill. Attorney General; Chairman, Infinitec Advisory Committee; on Board UCPA/Chicago).

- 8:15 pm Lynn Martin begins business portion of evening.
- 8:50 pm Dick Brown introduces you. You make remarks.
- 9:10 pm Dinner ends.
- Notes: 1. Lynn Martin: Has joined the Ameritech Board ("Baby Bell" serving Midwest); Ameritech made substantial grant to Infinitec Center.

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2. John Trutter, Chairman of UCPA/Chicago has a keen interest in Abraham Lincoln.

Attachments: Infinitec Fact Sheet, Detailed Dinner Timeline; Memo on "Footnotes" to Speech; invite letters.

### Infinitec Dinner, June 28, 1993 Time Line

- 5:00 pm Set-up complete. Technical rehearsal.
- 6:00 pm Reception, Piano, Lynn Martin, Senator Dole et al greets
- 6:50 pm Open doors to Ballroom, Four piece orchestra
- 7:10 pm Lynn Martin welcomes guests, asks everyone to enjoy dinner
- 7:15 pm Dinner served, Light background music
- 8:15 pm During dessert, Lynn Martin returns to podium, recognizes dignitaries and/or special guests in the audience, thanks dinner committee. Introduces Neil Hartigan
- 8:20 pm Hartigan brief remarks -- Introduces Infinitec Video
- 8:23 pm Infinitec video
- 8:30 pm Lynn Martin introduces Dick Brown
- 8:32 pm Brown remarks, announces special grant to UCPA, continues with introduction of Sen. Dole and individual award
- 8:40 pm Sen. Dole remarks
- 8:50 pm Lynn Martin introduces John Kemp
- 8:52 pm Kemp remarks, presents corporate award to Ed Brennan
- 9:00 pm Ed Brennan accepts award, Remarks
- 9:10 pm Lynn Martin closes

### Memorandum

Date: June 25, 1993

To: Senator Dole

From: Alec Vachon

Re: "Footnotes" to UCPA/Chicago Infinitec Awards Speech

### 1. Pages 12-13: Closed Caption/Business Opportunities

Attached is a June 10th <u>New York Times</u> article on potential business opportunities from routine installation of closed caption decoder chips in TVs.

ADA may create other business opportunities, especially for small businesses. Also attached is a June 24th article from <u>Wall</u> <u>Street Journal</u>, about new market for "Dial-A-Ride" services, which may also improve transportation problems of many people with disabilities.

On some future occasion, you may want to speak about business opportunities created by ADA.

### 2. Page 15: Decoder Chip and ADA Spirit of Inclusion

You talk about ADA and the spirit of inclusion. In the U.S., we have two approaches to helping people with disabilities: (1) "disability" services, and (2) the ADA approach of adjusting equipment and environments so disabilities are "transparent" or irrelevant.

The first approach often forces people to identify themselves as disabled, e.g., if they want to qualify for vocational rehabilitation services. The second approach makes the same services, training, products, etc., available for people with and without disabilities.

This second approach is figuring more and more into disability policymaking in the Senate. For example, in America 2000, Bush's education plan, students with disabilities were hardly mentioned. In President Clinton's Goals 2000 (replacement of Bush's plan), Subcommittee on Disability Policy pushed for specific mention of students with disabilities.

### 3. Pages 17-18: Paying for Assistive Technology

Many people cannot afford "assistive devices." Because they can't afford them, small market for innovative products. In health reform, there will be a push for more coverage of assistive devices, along with other priorities of disability community, e.g., personal assistance and rehabilitation services. Wall Street Journal, June 24, 1993 (Thursday), p. Al.

## **Business Bulletin**

A Special Background Report On Trends in Industry And Finance

THE DIAL-A-RIDE business' revs' up, driven by the disabilities law.

Under the Americans With Disabilities Act, transit agencies that run public bus routes also must provide paratransit, or on-demand, curb-to-curb van service for the disabled. This has created a break for transport firms as many agencies opt to farm out these operations. The agencies have until 1997 to phase in the service or expand existing operations. "There's 20% more bid opportunities this year" than last year, says Bobby Griffin of ATE Management & Services Co., a Ryder unit.

He expects the dial-a-ride market to grow to \$2 billion by 1996 from \$500 million today. The latest paratransit contracts generally are bigger, both in terms of the number of vans and service hours, adds James L. Pierson, president of Dave Transportation Services Inc. in Irvine, Calif. A key ingredient in the larger contracts: software systems for scheduling and dispatching vans.

Fares for paratransit service are capped by law at double the bus fare for a similar route.

# Built-In Captions for Television

#### By BARNABY FEDER

Special to The New York Times HICAGO, June 6 — Amid the hubbub at last week's Consumer Electronics Show of exotic products like Panasonic's prototype of a \$1,000 wristwatch telephone, displays of a new television feature expected to help 100 million viewers attracted relatively little attention.

The low-profile innovation is a microchip that enables viewers to see subtitles. Federal legislation passed in 1990 requires the chip to be included in every television set made after July 1 for sale in the United States.

 Most network and basic cable programming in the United States already carries subtitles, called closed captions. But until recently, only the 500,000 or so viewers who had bought a separate decoding device or those who bought one of the handful of television models with early versions of the chip could see the captions.

Potential beneficiaries of the new technology include viewers who have impaired hearing, for whom English is a second language, children learning to read and adults with reading problems, according to the National Captioning Institute Inc., a nonprofit developer of captioning standards and products based in Falls Church, Va. Viewers watching television in noisy places like sports bars and airports and where volumes should be kept very low, like hospitals, also stand to benefit. The captions can be turned on and off with the touch of a

control on the set or a remote control.

Most television manufacturers initially opposed the chip requirement because of the added expense. But now they sense an opportunity to add new life to the \$23 billion television market. Many manufacturers have already begun shipping sets with the feature. In some cases, they have used a more sophisticated chip than required by law so the set can receive other text services like stock reports and program schedules if broadcasters start providing them.

The new chips have added about \$20 to the cost of sets. Retailers are permitted to sell sets without the chips as long as they have them in stock. Consumers should ask retailers about the capabilities of whichever version of the chip is in the model they consider buying.



A new microchip now allows all television sets to be able to show captions.

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# Infinitec Fact Sheet

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### Infinitec:

Infinitec is an information, research and training institute developed by United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago to improve access to assistive technology. Infinitec uses actual products, advanced media techniques, lectures, classes and workshops to teach the use of technology to overcome disability to users, health care professionals, businesses and others. Infinitec's Engineering Center will test products to comply with ADA requirements and other standards, and coordinate the development of new standards. Development of Infinitec programs is well underway.

### Assistive technology:

Assistive technology devices restore impaired function for people with disabilities. The category includes devices as simple as a modified dinner fork and as complex as an electronic speech device. World-renowned physicist Stephen W. Hawking, for example, uses a powered wheelchair, an electronic speech device and an adapted computer to speak and carry on his daily activities.

### The building:

Construction will begin in 1993 on the Arthur and Mary Rubloff Building, a 70,000 square-foot center that will house Infinitec. Major funding for the structure will come from a substantial bequest from the estate of UCPA board chairman Arthur Rubloff.

### Where:

Infinitec will anchor Chicago Technology Park on the city's Near West Side, leasing land at the corner of Harrison and Leavitt streets.

### Who:

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago spearheads this project, which will involve participation by such major institutions as Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and local businesses including Sears, Illinois Bell, Packer Engineering.

### United Cerebral Palsy:

Since 1951, UCP has provided opportunities for people with disabilities to enjoy fuller, more productive lives. The Greater Chicago affiliate is one of 160 nationwide.

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### INFINITEC AWARDS DINNER -June 28, 1993 Suggested Time Line

- 6:00 pm Reception, Piano, Lynn Martin, Senator Dole et al greets
- 6:50 pm Open doors to Ballroom, Four piece orchestra
- 7:10 pm Lynn Martin welcomes guests, asks everyone to enjoy dinner
- 7:15 pm Dinner served, Light background music
- 8:15 pm During dessert, Lynn Martin returns to podium, recognizes dignitaries and or special guests in the audience, thanks dinner committee, Introduces the video
- 8:20 pm Video
- 8:25 pm Lynn Martin introduces John Kemp
- 8:27 pm Kemp remarks, Presents corporate award to Ed Brennan
- 8:35 pm Ed Brennan accepts award, Remarks
- 8:40 pm Lynn Martin introduces Dick Brown
- 8:43 pm Brown remarks, presents check to John Trutter, Trutter accepts, Brown stays at podium and continues with introduction of Senator Dole and individual award
- 8:55 pm Senator makes remarks
- 9:10 pm Lynn Martin closes

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first recipient of this award.

Dear Senator Dole:

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Chairing the event is Lynn Martin, former Secretary of Labor and Member of Congress. Lynn is joined on the host committee by Dick Brown, Vice Chair of Ameritech Corporation, Gloria Scoberg of *Crain's Chicago Business*, and Roger Hughes, CEO of Dontech. Other individuals who have been invited to serve on this committee include former White House Chief of Staff and Secretary of Transportation and newly appointed president of Consolidated Edison Samuel Skinner, Dwayne Andreas of Archer-Daniels-Midland Corporation, Bill Smith of Quaker Oats Corporation, Ed Brennan of Sears Roebuck Co., and Mike Quinlan of McDonald's Corporation.

UCP of Greater Chicago, one of United Cerebral Palsy Associations's

most outstanding affiliates will be honoring an exceptional individual who has

contributed significantly to the quality of life of people with disabilities at its inaugural black tie dinner in late June, 1993. You have been chosen to be the

This promises to be a blue-ribbon evening with Chicago's top corporate leaders gathering to honor you for your significant contribution to people with disabilities. Even I'll be in attendance!

It is critically important the Irving Korita, Executive Director of UCP of Greater Chicago receive at least a tentative commitment of your attendance in the next few days. The event can be scheduled at your convenience on June 21, 25 or 28. Unfortunately, we cannot wait too long to receive this commitment.

It goes without saying that I have always considered you my mentor and friend. It would be the highest honor for UCP to bestow this award upon you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (202) 842-1266 or Irving Korita at (312) 368-0380. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely

John D. Kemp Executive Director

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cc: Irving Korita

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#### MEMORANDUM

MAY 6, 1993

TO: SENATOR DOLE FROM: JO-ANNE

SUBJ: CHICAGO

You may recall an invitation from John Kemp to be the first recipient of a leadership award from United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago for your contributions to persons with disabilities. Lynn Martin is Chairman of the event. Other committee members include Sam Skinner, Dwayne Andreas, Bill Smith (Quaker Oats), Ed Brennan (Sears), Mike Quinlan (McDonald's), Dick Brown (Ameritech) and Roger Hughes (Dontech).

They offered several dates in June -- are now focusing on Monday, June 28. It is an evening <u>black-tie</u> banquet, "blue-ribbon" gathering of Chicago's top corporate leaders,

You expressed some interest in doing this, IN we could coordinate it with a Campaign America fundraiser. I have now heard back from Pat Hurley (Lee Daniels' fundraiser, who is also doing the Cerebral Palsy event, and did the Republican Party event you attended recently in Chicago) that she has checked around and can do a fundraising breakfast for us the next morning and expect to raise \$50,000 -- which is pretty good for Chicago. You could be airborne by around 9:30 AM back to Washington.

I <u>might</u> be able to schedule a meeting for you with the Chicago Eagles group before the CP banquet, if you're interested.

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FOR MIKE GLASSNER % SENATOR DOLE

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Dear mike,

my appociate, Bernie windon of ameritech, said you might help way from up the June 28 date in Chicago to honor Genotor Dole in behalf of our new national Center for assistive Technology for the Disabled. We sent a fax to you right after the Dole brunch in Chicago but homent been able to reach you by phone. Lynn martin and the committee are ready to work on the big event. would you kuridly advise? Thanks John T. Trutter

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The Honorable Lynn Martin Institute of Politics 79 John F. Kennedy Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Ms. Martin:

On behalf of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago, I thank you for agreeing to act as chairman for our first annual awards program honoring Senator Robert Dole. We are deeply honored to have your participation in establishing the Infinitec Awards Program that will recognize those individuals and corporations that have contributed nationally toward enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities.

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The awards are named for Infinitec--which means infinite potential through assistive technology -- a new information, research, and training institute designed to overcome the effects of disabilities by increasing the use and availability of assistive technology. Additional information about Infinitec is enclosed.

The target date for the dinner is Monday, June 28. We are currently working with Senator Dole's staff to secure the date and confirm his availability, and a hold has been placed on the Grand Ballroom at the newly constructed Sheraton Hotel & Towers. To date, Richard Brown, Vice Chairman of Ameritech; Roger Hughes, President and Chief Executive of DonTech; and Gloria Scoby, Vice President & Publisher of Crain's Chicago Business have agreed to serve with you as Vice Chairmen for the event. They will meet later this week to expand the host committee.

We a very anxious to begin working with you on this exciting benefit and would appreciate having a member from your staff to act as a day-to-day liaison with our working committee. This is especially important now because dates are still being coordinated among the major parties. I will call your office next week to answer any questions you may have.

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Ms. Lynn Martin March 9, 1993 Page Two

I look forward to working with you and other civic leaders from the Chicago area to honor Senator Dole and to keep the potential of people with disabilities in the forefront.

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Very truly yours,

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John T. Trutter Chairman of the Board

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June 28, 1993

# Thanks to you...

Tonight, with your help, Infinitec has taken another step toward becoming a reality.

The financial response by our Infinitec Award Dinner patrons, sponsors and contributors shown on the reverse, has been extremely generous and encouraging to our ongoing fundraising.

Thank you to our Dinner Chairman Lynn Martin, the Vice Chairmen and our honorees, Senator Dole and Sears, Roebuck and Co. for their participation in our success.

A special thank you must go to Roger Hughes of DonTech. His energy and commitment to making this event happen was an inspiration for us all.

You will learn more this evening about a major grant from the Ameritech Foundation. A simple thank you seems hardly sufficient to acknowledge this exciting and important gift.

And finally, we are especially pleased each of you have joined us this evening and hope that after learning more about Infinitec, you will stay involved with our efforts to improve the lives of millions of people with disabilities.

> John T. Trutter Chairman

> > (Over, please)

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# REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

# MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1993 SHERATON HOTEL & TOWERS CHICAGO

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# -- OPENING/APPRECIATION OF AWARD -- THANK YOU, DICK, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. I AM HONORED TO RECEIVE THE FIRST INFINITEC NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD. -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE UNITED **CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION**

# **OF GREATER CHICAGO FOR ITS** VISION IN CREATING THE INFINITEC ASSISTIVE **TECHNOLOGY CENTER.** -- ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND ADA -- I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT **DISABILITY, AND HOW USEFUL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES CAN**

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# ACCESSIBILITY, THEY WILL BE INVALUABLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. -- THE POET ARCHIBALD **MACLEISH ONCE WROTE**, **"AMERICA WAS ALWAYS PROMISES." BUT FOR TOO** LONG AMERICA'S PROMISES

# WERE DENIED THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. -- THREE YEARS AGO **CONGRESS PASSED ADA, WHICH** I WAS PROUD TO SUPPORT. WE WERE DETERMINED THAT EVERY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF **DISABILITY, HAVE A SHOT AT** THE AMERICAN DREAM AND

#### FULFILLING THEIR PERSONAL PROMISE.

### -- MAKING ALL TECHNOLOGY

ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

#### DISABILITIES

-- BUT DEVELOPING NEW TECHNOLOGIES IS ONLY HALF THE STORY.

-- WE MUST ALSO MAKE SURE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN

**USE TECHNOLOGIES OTHERS** TAKE FOR GRANTED, AND THE **NEW TECHNOLOGIES SHAPING** THE FUTURE. **EVERYONE -- DISABLED OR** -**NONDISABLED -- USES ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES -- TO** EXTEND OUR MOBILITY AND SENSES. CARS AND AIRPLANES LET US TRAVEL GREAT

# **DISTANCES QUICKLY. TELEPHONES MAKE IT POSSIBLE** TO SPEAK TO PEOPLE ANYWHERE ON THE PLANET. -- AND JUST OVER A DECADE AGO, IBM INTRODUCED ITS FIRST PERSONAL COMPUTER. **TODAY, PERSONAL COMPUTERS ARE RESHAPING EVERYTHING**

#### FROM MANUFACTURING TO ENTERTAINMENT.

-- BUT HOW ACCESSIBLE ARE THESE THINGS TO PEOPLE WITH

#### DISABILITIES?

-- FRANKLY, OUR RECORD

COULD BE BETTER, AND

**CHANGE HAS OFTEN MET WITH** 

**RESISTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE,** 

SOME TV PROGRAMS HAVE

# BEEN CLOSED CAPTIONED FOR YEARS, BUT THEY WERE UNAVAILABLE TO MANY WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS UNLESS THEY PURCHASED AN EXPENSIVE DECODER. -- IN 1990, THE CONGRESS PASSED A LAW REQUIRING THAT TVs SOLD AFTER JULY 1, 1993, **BE EQUIPPED WITH A**

MICROCHIP THAT ALLOWS **DISPLAY OF CLOSED CAPTIONS.** -- I WAS AN EARLY CO-SPONSOR OF THAT MEASURE. ALTHOUGH THE DECODER CHIP **COSTS ONLY \$20, WE GOT SOME** HEAT FROM TV MANUFACTURERS. IRONICALLY, **ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES RECENTLY, NOW SOME** 

**COMPANIES SEE CLOSED** CAPTIONS AS A BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITY.** FOR EXAMPLE, VIEWERS WHO WATCH TV IN NOISY PLACES LIKE SPORTS **BARS, OR LOW NOISE PLACES** LIKE HOSPITALS, ARE LIKELY TO **BENEFIT. ALSO CLOSED CAPTIONS ARE A TOOL TO TEACH READING TO CHILDREN.** 

-- AND SOME TV **MANUFACTURERS ARE INSTALLING A "SUPER" CHIP** THAT CAN DISPLAY OTHER TEXT SERVICES SUCH AS STOCK **REPORTS**. -- WE CAN EXPECT MANY **OTHER UNANTICIPATED USES** WILL BE FOUND.

-- THE DECODER CHIP IS ABOUT **INCLUSION IN OUR SOCIETY --ABOUT MAKING DISABILITIES** "TRANSPARENT" -- WHICH IS THE SPIRIT OF ADA. -- IT MAY HAPPEN THAT SOMEDAY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE WILL BE ABLE TO REPAIR ALL **DISABILITIES. BUT FOR THE** FORESEEABLE FUTURE PEOPLE

# WILL HAVE IMPAIRMENTS, BUT THROUGH PROPERLY DESIGNED **EQUIPMENT THOSE IMPAIRMENTS JUST WON'T** MATTER. -- THERE IS ANOTHER **IMPORTANT LESSON HERE:** "UNIVERSAL DESIGN" -- THE **TERM USED TO DESCRIBE** EQUIPMENT BUILT FOR PEOPLE

#### WITH AND WITHOUT **DISABILITIES -- NOT ONLY** ENABLE THE DISABLED, BUT **IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY** AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL PERSONS. -- PAYING FOR ASSISTIVE **TECHNOLOGY BUT THERE IS ANOTHER** -CHALLENGE: PAYING FOR

## **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY. EVEN** THE MOST USEFUL DEVICES ARE **USELESS IF NO ONE CAN** AFFORD THEM. -- I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE -- AND IT MAY COME **UP IN THE HEALTH CARE REFORM DEBATE, ANY** SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE WOULD BE VERY WELCOME.

#### -- CLOSING

### -- IN CLOSING, WE CAN SAY WITH PRIDE AMERICA TODAY IS A BETTER PLACE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THAN AT ANY **OTHER TIME. AND THE LION'S** SHARE OF THE CREDIT IS DUE **TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS** UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY.

-- INDEED, 50 YEARS AGO WE HAD A PRESIDENT, FRANKLIN **DELANO ROOSEVELT, WHO COULD NOT WALK AND BELIEVED IT NECESSARY TO** HIDE THAT FACT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. **BUT TODAY I TRUST THAT THE** -AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN ELECTING

# A MAN OR WOMAN PRESIDENT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY.

-- ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU.