



America's First Disability Rights Museum on Wheels Comes to Chicago

For Immediate Release
July 20, 2015

Contact: [Shawna Berger](#)
Phone: (800) 706-2710

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 20, 2015) – The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is bringing its Disability Rights Museum on Wheels (DRMW), the country's first disability rights mobile museum, to Chicago on Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22 in celebration of the 25 anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The nationally touring DRMW will be on Chicago's lakefront museum campus east of the Field Museum. It will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 21. In addition, there will be wheelchair sport demonstrations including softball, racing, basketball and tennis. The public is welcome to participate in the demonstrations. There will be a special reception hosted by the local USBLN affiliate from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Shed Aquarium.

The DRMW will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 and demonstrations will include wheelchair basketball.

The DRMW is an accessible self-contained motor vehicle that features interactive learning opportunities and emerging technologies. The mobile museum kicked off its cross-country tour on June 8, 2015 in Charlotte, N.C. and provides an opportunity for people to learn about the history of the disability rights movement. It presents an eye-catching exhibit that invites visitors to participate in hands-on learning about the disability civil rights movement and the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) impact on technological innovation.

"We are happy to partner with the Chicago Park District, ADA25 Chicago and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago to bring this one-of-a-kind museum to Chicago," said **Jill Houghton**, executive director, USBLN. "In addition to receiving local support for this event from we are excited that some of our tour sponsors will also be involved."

America's DRMW has partnered with the ADA25 Legacy Project, which is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in bringing the museum to cities around the U.S.

Specifically, the DRMW is designed to help local communities:

- Understand that the ADA is a Civil Rights law
- Engage youth in interactive learning experiences
- Educate the public on the history of human rights violations and the community engagement that led up to the passage of the ADA
- Promote public awareness through social media, filmed interviews and stories with members of the disability and business communities
- Discover the possibilities during the next 25 years through experiencing innovative and connective technologies
- Provide business, education, government, and communities with tools for promoting full inclusion within their organizations

DRMW Presenting and Tour Sponsors

Presenting Partners: Hosted by Wells Fargo and EY

Tour Partners: Hosted by American Airlines, The Loreen Arbus Foundation, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Centene, Cigna, Cox Communications, GSK, Highmark, Hilton Hotels, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Kaiser Permanente, Miami Trailer, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman Corporation, PNC Bank, Walgreens Boots Alliance and Walmart

For more information about sponsoring the DRMW, please contact [Liz Taub](#).

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN)

[The US Business Leadership Network](#) (USBLN) is a national non-profit that helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. The USBLN serves as the collective voice of nearly 50 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing over 5,000 businesses. Additionally, the USBLN Disability Supplier Diversity Program[®] (DSDP) is the nation's leading third party certification program for disability-owned businesses, including businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.

About The ADA Legacy Project and Tour

[The Tour](#) is a traveling exhibit rolling across the country raising awareness and building excitement toward ADA25 - the 25 anniversary of the ADA. The ADA25 Legacy Tour is inspired by the historic 50 state journey taken by the husband and wife team of Justin and Yoshiko Dart in 1988 to garner grassroots support for the yet-to-be-passed Americans with Disabilities Act.

###