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... the place to find valuable information to help make your job – and your life easier! If you have a topic idea or any other suggestions, please give our Editor - Angie Catenaro - a call. Sibley & Associates is a national disability management firm with a decade of experience, nearly 300 consultants/staff and state-of-the-art technology. Our customers benefit from all the advantages a large company has to offer...while also benefiting from the “small business” customer service philosophy of our dedicated Insurance Services Division.

December 3, 2002 is International Day of Disabled Persons

This month, we have dedicated the Sibley Report to raising awareness of **International Day of Disabled Persons**, which falls on December 3 this year. Each of us in our day-to-day work help a wide range of disabled clients in ways that will significantly improve their lives. With more than half a billion people disabled as a result of mental, physical or sensory impairment, it is also very encouraging to learn about initiatives that are underway on a larger scale to ensure the rights of disabled individuals... so that worldwide, no matter where disabled individuals live, they are not limited by physical or social barriers!

International Day of Disabled Persons was first proclaimed by the United Nations in 1992 to celebrate and acknowledge the experience and capabilities of people with disabilities. Increasingly, the work of the United Nations is focused on equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Other important global initiatives include:

- **World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons** (established in 1982) – provides an international framework to incorporate disability issues into national planning.
- **Standard Rules of Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities** (developed in 1993) – these rules outline specific principles for responsibility, action and cooperation for Governments to equalize the opportunities of persons with disabilities.

To assist you in helping disabled clients overcome barriers to independence, please find attached an article written by a highly qualified home modification and design firm that provides objective assessments of specialized housing requirements. For more information about International Day of Disabled Persons please visit www.unac.org/en/news_events/un_days/disabled1.asp

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