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WELCOME TO "THE GIFT"! PLEASE, TAKE A MOMENT TO ALLOW THESE PHOTOS "SPEAK" FOR THEMSELVES.

THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION AROSE FROM A BELIEF THAT THIS WAS THE MOMENT TO GIVE A NEW FACE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS PHOTO SHOW IS PART OF A WORLDWIDE EFFORT TO RATIFY AND ACCEPT THE UN'S NEW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHES:

> *"RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS PART OF HUMAN DIVERSITY AND HUMANITY AND ASSUMES THEIR FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION IN SOCIETY."*

THE SHOW'S TITLE AROSE FROM A SHARED PERCEPTION OF MANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THAT THEY EXPERIENCE THE WORLD IN AN INSIGHTFUL, EMPATHIC, CREATIVE AND SOMETIMES - EXHALATIVE WAY. THESE ARE NOT IMAGES OF ANGUISH, OR DISCRIMINATION. RATHER, THEY ARE IMAGES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TO GO BEYOND THEIR LIMITS TO ACHIEVE A VALUED PLACE IN THE WORLD.

THIS EXHIBITION IS BEING CREATED THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH EFFORT WHICH IS COLLECTING THE PHOTOS. THE EFFORT IS ORGANIZED AND CURATED BY NO LIMITS MEDIA (NLM) IN SUPPORT OF THE UN SECRETARIAT FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.N. OFFICE OF EXHIBITIONS. THE GIFT EXHIBITION WILL BE DESIGNED FOR EASE OF TRAVEL AND DISPLAY IN MAJOR CITIES AND UN OFFICES AROUND THE WORLD.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT "THE GIFT" OFFERS SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORLDWIDE DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTION OF THE U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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