



BLN Ability Link

BLN – “Taking the ‘dis’ out of disABILITIES at work in Wyoming”

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Business Leadership Network E-newsletter

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BLN Mission Statement

The Cheyenne Business Leadership Network is an employer led initiative dedicated to providing opportunities to build a diverse workforce and customer base that includes persons with disabilities.

Our program goals include developing business leaders who actively promote recruiting and retaining employees and customers with disabilities, and to provide disability awareness to the general public.

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Call for Nominations for 2010 BLN Symon Awards!

This is your chance to nominate and recognize local heroes:

- Businesses that regularly employ persons with disAbilities;
- Community Partners/Individuals who work towards the employment and success of individuals with disAbilities; and/or
- Employees with disAbilities who have overcome challenges to excel in their career and workplace.

2010 Award Categories:

- Employer of the Year
- Employee of the Year (with a disAbility)
- Outstanding Military Employee (with a disAbility)
- Spirit of the Cheyenne BLN
- All nominees will be recognized at the Symon Awards on September 23, 2010 at Little America Ballroom in Cheyenne. Call 631-8012 for details and program prices.

2010 Symon Awards Nomination Form

NOTE: For each nomination you are submitting please send a short letter describing why you believe this employer/ person would be a good candidate for this award. Include a contact number so we can invite the nominee to the awards breakfast. *Remember - you may make multiple nominations or nominate your own company!*

Employer/Provider Nomination Employee Nomination Military Employee

Nominee’s Name: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

Company or Employer: _____

Address: _____

Company Representative: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Person making this Nomination: _____ Title: _____

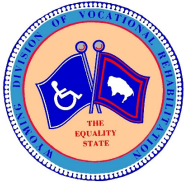
Organization: _____ Your Company Phone#: _____

Nominations due by September 10th, 2010.

Nominate on Web site at: Cheyenne-bln.com, E-mail to: wbln@vcn.com, or print and mail this page to: BLN, 2101 O’Neil Ave, Cheyenne, WY, 82001

Call BLN Director, Marla Lewis, for more information at 631-8012.

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2010 BLN SYMON Awards & Breakfast

Each fall, the Cheyenne Business Leadership Network holds an award ceremony celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The focus is to recognize: Disability Friendly Businesses that regularly employ persons with disabilities; Community Partners who work towards the employment and success of individuals with disabilities; and Employees with Disabilities who have overcome challenges to excel in their career and workplace



2010 BLN Symon Awards and Breakfast

WHEN: Thursday, September 23rd, 2010

TIME: 7:30 am – 9:30 am

PLACE: Little America, Grand Ball Room, Cheyenne

Guest Speaker: *Spencer West*

Speech Topic: The Power of We: Overcoming Obstacles to Make a Difference

Presentation Highlights and Take-aways:

- ✓ Clear messages on addressing bullying, discrimination and stereotyping
- ✓ Offering solutions on how to overcome obstacles, turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones
- ✓ Anyone can make a difference because compassion has no limitation and a helping hand has no boundaries



Originally from Rock Springs, Wyoming, inspirational and charismatic **Spencer West** speaks candidly about the struggles he overcame after losing his legs at the age of five, and how he never lost the hope or courage he needed to overcome personal obstacles. Filled with both humor and humility, his thought-provoking message inspires people to find opportunity in every challenge. With every speech, Spencer leaves an indelible mark on his audiences, instilling hope and strong leadership so that they can inspire others to create positive change.

Spencer has helped young people overcome daily challenges, offering concrete actions to find personal strength and believe in themselves as active change-makers. His words have encouraged thousands of young people to become more socially involved in their communities and around the world.

Please take a few minutes to view Spencer's inspirational video at:

<http://www.metowe.com/speakers/spencer-west/>

Reserve Table or Seat Tickets: Please RSVP by Thursday September 15th

- Admission price if reserved before September 15th:
Individual- \$25; Corp. Table- \$300.
- Admission price if reserved after September 15th:
Individual- \$35; Corp. Table- \$350.

No tickets sold at the door. Register TODAY on the website at www.cheyenne-blnc.com, e-mail wbln@vcn.com, or call 307-631-8012.

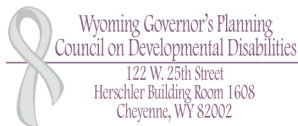
The Symon Awards are a Cheyenne Business Leadership Networks production sponsored in part by the State of Wyoming - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and many local community business partners.



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Volunteer with BLN to Help People with Disabilities

Business Leadership Network is looking for an “**AmeriCorp Volunteer**” to assist with day-to-day activities and special events.

AmeriCorps volunteer address critical needs in communities all across America. As an **AmeriCorps Volunteer** for the BLN, you can:

- Volunteer an average 20 hours per week for one year
- Social Security recipients – *this will not affect your benefits*
- Earn a stipend of up to \$3500 per year – (approx \$290 month)
- Assist the BLN to find employment for people with disabilities and help the director plan and manage events

What is AmeriCorp?

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a big difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. It's a chance to apply your skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in the community.

Each year, AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups.

Benefits of Service

As an **AmeriCorps Volunteer**, you'll gain new skills and experiences—and you'll also find the tremendous satisfaction that comes from helping others.

Please call Marla Lewis to interview for a volunteer position today:

631-8012 or email to wbln@vcn.com

Got Jobs? Need Employees ?

BLN can help you hire qualified, capable people.

E-mail job postings to: wbln@vcn.com
Or call Marla Lewis at 307-631-8012

**Cheyenne Business Leadership Network
2101 O'Neil Ave.**

When your business has job openings, remember that the BLN can help you fill your positions with qualified and capable employees! Our mission is to match qualified people (who happen to have disabilities) with employers who need capable and dedicated employees.

Clip out this reminder and post it near your computer to use next time you have openings and positions to fill



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Cheyenne-bln.com

www.WY-BLN.com

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Valuable Links:

<http://www.cheyennechamber.org/>

<http://www.cheyennecity.org/>

www.ctat-training.com

www.dol.gov/odep

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://WWW.eSight.org>

www.eeoc.gov

www.murane.com

<http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/disabilityinfo.gov>

<http://www.onlinehumanresources.net/hr-ada-overview.html>



BLN Community Calendar

- **Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities** – Wednesday, September 8th, City Hall, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- **BLN Steering Committee Meeting:** Special Date: September 14th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Wells Fargo Meeting Room.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **SYMON Awards** – September 23 – Little America, 7:30 – 9:00. Guest Speaker: Spencer West. View Spencer's video at: <http://www.metowe.com/speakers/spencer-west/>
- **Festival of Trees** – November 18, 19, & 20th. Now three days of Cheyenne's Premier Holiday event!

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)



Introducing the Cheyenne DVR counselors from left to right: Crystal, Robyn, Shaye and Carl.

The Wyoming State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) works in partnership with people with disabilities and other stakeholders to provide services resulting in employment and equality of individuals with disabilities. Vocational

Rehabilitation Division can provide only those services which are necessary for eligible individuals to reach the employment goal agreed to in the Individualized Plan for Employment. If you have any questions you may call Vocational Rehabilitation in Cheyenne at 777-7364.

Welcome to this issue of Ability Link, a monthly newsletter of the Cheyenne Business Leadership Network. The CBLN is an employer led coalition dedicated to empowering employers to become the business of choice for people with disabilities. Each month we provide valuable information to assist your organization to attract more customers and employees with disabilities. Please let us know if there is something you would like to see in a future newsletter. To email your questions or comments, or to remove your name from this mailing list contact: wbln@vcn.com

