

## **Support for disabled**

This year is the International Year of the Handicapped, and I have not heard of any organization of handicapped gays in Canada. Reading your "Out in the City" section, I could not find a single activity to support, ameliorate and to advocate the rights, privileges and general welfare of gays who are unfortunately physically and/or intellectually disabled.

Considering the size and the importance of the Toronto gay community, which has long been the most progressive gay group in this country in terms of social and political actions, it is about time that something be done to recognize the existence of this forgotten minority and to set up some kind of large support organization for handicapped gay Canadians not just for Ontario, but also for other provinces to follow. A clearly visible and well-organized handicapped gay group will help promote the needs and goals of disabled gays and facilitate the members' reintegration in the mainstream of society.

I sincerely hope that you will cover any activities of disabled gays this year to encourage more recognition and acceptance of their presence.

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