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Extend the Dream – Community Education and Cultural Activities

In keeping with its mission, Extend the Dream's activities support both employment and educational opportunities for persons with disabilities, and provide a community forum on disabilities awareness for all persons. Activities include both cultural events and community education, and are designed to encourage community-building.

Regarding media creation and production, Extend the Dream is engaged in a wide variety of ventures involving visual and performing arts. Live music concerts are offered weekly, along with readings, poetry, spoken word, open mic. and local theater projects. Programs highlighting diversity, current events, international relations, and cultural enrichment are also offered. Additionally, our performance area is the setting for a variety of local television programming produced for Public Access Television (PATV), the local community television producer.

We will use an LPFM radio to offer training in programming, production and hosting for persons with disabilities as well as interested members of the general public; and support for programming addressing disabilities issues (including some programming already in production). We also plan to provide community affairs and information programming. This will include a talk show focusing on local events, politics and issues. We plan to include other local and regional programming, and selected public affairs and cultural programs available from regional and national sources. A mix of local talk and regional/national informational programming would be broadcast during the day, with selected performances and readings during later evening or night time hours.

Our studio will be located in the adjacent Public Access TV area. Volunteer staff will include at least one individual with a professional career in radio programming and production to provide training and programming support, along with volunteers from the PATV production team and the community. We hope to eventually provide opportunities for internships for college and high school students.

We believe our mission, service, production and collaboration make Extend the Dream an excellent candidate for a low power radio station: Extend the

Dream is deeply rooted in the community and a participant in a wide variety of local projects. Our programs can provide a high quality and reliable source for a variety of community interest local programming.