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Technical Innovations and Independence: Living Comfortably, Independently and Safely at Home

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Technology touches virtually all areas of our lives. And because the cost of many technologies has come down quite significantly, wonderful options are now affordable.

The rapid advance of technology has boosted the ability for all people to live fuller, richer and more independent lives. In this article, we will explore some of the areas in which technology can help people live more independently. We'll learn about useful and affordable "Smart Home" technology and ideas. We will also look at low-cost tips to help maximize your independence. (Please note: commercial products mentioned in this article are for illustrative purposes only. We make no claims and are not endorsing any of the products mentioned here.)

Appliances

Let's take a look at some of the innovations available in today's appliances, starting in the laundry room. Everyone needs clean clothes. Whether you have a disability or are just getting older, "doing the laundry" involves a number of steps. Typically, you load the washer, wait for it to finish, transfer the clean, wet clothes to the dryer, wait for them to dry and then fold. If you could eliminate the need to transfer the clothes from the washer to the dryer, then the chore would be a little bit easier.

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Until recently, there weren't many affordable options to simplify this chore. Today, there are a number of combination washer/dryers that eliminate the need to transfer the clothes from one machine to the other. And they are available at a relatively low price. One example is the LG WM3987HW (see photo). Note that it is front loading, which is easier to access for some people.

Many of the combination units do not require external venting and they also plug into a standard 110v outlet (unlike most stand-alone electric dryers that require a 220v electrical source). Be aware that there is a tradeoff with non-venting units: While they do not require 220v outlets or additional venting, they may require additional time to run a complete laundry cycle. In fact, it may take considerably longer than drying in a traditional dryer. Because there are so many commercial options available, you might want to compare features of various products. The computer is great for that; just type "combination washer dryer" into your Internet browser's "search" window. If you don't have access to a computer or Internet or you have questions, please feel free to call your local ATRC for assistance.



Front load
washer/dryer

Moving on to the kitchen, here's an idea that may help a number of folks. After a recent back injury, I noticed how heavy the dinner plates were as I struggled to move the clean plates from the dishwasher to the cabinet. Curiosity got the better of me, so I actually weighed the plates. I was surprised to learn

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*Under-counter,
two-drawer dishwasher*

that the entire stack weighed over 28 pounds! What if you could eliminate the need to put the dishes away? With the creative use of a drawer-style dishwasher, you can. With a two-drawer system, you can use one drawer for clean dishes and the other for dirty dishes, eliminating the need to ever stow the dishes in a cabinet.

The placement of appliances can also be important. When building or redesigning your kitchen, consider how and where built-in appliances are placed. There are a variety of under-the-counter refrigerators available. The strategic placement of ovens and microwaves can also help facilitate access. Also consider slide-out cabinet shelves. Sliding shelves can make access to cabinets much easier for everyone.

Home Automation

A variety of home automation equipment can facilitate independent living. Automation can enhance independence by increasing safety and security, enabling effortless control of the environment and providing peace of mind to concerned loved ones.

Video cameras inside and outside your house can add to a sense of security. They can be accessed from the Internet and may help family members keep a watchful eye on aging relatives living alone. A Panasonic BL-C131A Network Camera is one product on the market. (Note: Web cameras require high speed Internet access, which involves a monthly fee.)

There are a number of ways you can control your home environment (including lights, appliances and security systems). Here are a few examples:

- From your smartphone
- From a computer
- From specialized remotes, touchscreen panels or specialized light switches
- From outside your house
- Automatically, based on personal or seasonal schedules
- Automatically, based on other “events”—doors opening or motion sensors being activated
- One at a time or all together.

Notification Systems

Notification systems can also increase a sense of security. A notification system is defined as the combination of hardware with a software program that is capable of sending messages to a pre-defined set of recipients. For example, the woman on the infamous “Help, I’ve fallen and can’t get up” commercial wore a small, wireless transmitter that sent a signal to a device connected to her telephone line. The system was preprogrammed to automatically contact a support center that would subsequently contact the individual needing help. If need be, the support center staff would contact local emergency responders.

Before deciding on a particular notification system, you should do some research. A quick search of the Internet shows that there are a few vendors with a number of complaints. Find out if the company you are considering has a high number of complaints against it. Understand the contract terms and do not enter an agreement with unreasonable restrictions or potential penalties (e.g., early termination fees). A simple Internet search might provide valuable information. Again, if you don’t have access to a computer and/or would like more information, please contact your local ATRC for assistance.

Additional Considerations

There are numerous ideas that can help people remain safe in the bathroom. An Internet search for “safety in the bath” produces many options—grab bars, accessible tubs, bath benches, transfer boards and many other items. The important thing to remember is that falls are serious events, and every precaution should be made to reduce the risk of a fall ever happening.



Walk-in bathtub

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GPS (Global Positioning Systems) can be used to track individuals who have a tendency to wander (such as people with Alzheimer's). While these systems hold promise for some, they generally are only available as part of an ongoing service and involve monthly service fees. There is a free system that can be installed on some smartphones, but it has limited abilities. If you are interested in learning more about one of these systems, check out the Alzheimer Association's Comfort Zone® at www.alz.org/comfortzone/.

Project Lifesaver (www.projectlifesaver.org) may also be helpful. According to their website, the primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism and other related conditions or disorders.

Low-Cost Tips

Here are a few practical, low-cost tips to promote independence and safety:

- Simplify your environment; keeping organized can help reduce accidents.
- Avoid stairs.
- Use your car alarm as a notification system. Carry your keyless car remote with you at all times, and let your neighbors know to call for help if your car alarm sounds.

- Prevent falls; put grab bars and non-slip mats in the bathroom.
- Improve lighting in areas where you might fall.
- Store frequently used items in easy-to-reach spots.
- For added security, carry a charged cell phone with you, even at home.
- Use timers for irons, coffee pots and other appliances needed for short periods that can cause injury or property damage if left unattended for too long.
- Arrange to call a friend or relative on a schedule. Let them know to call for help if they don't hear from you.
- Highlight uneven surfaces with contrasting colors.

On a recent trip to a local big box store, I noticed a display called "Lowe's Accessible Home™," which included a few accessible products, including a walk-in bath. There is a guide available with a number of practical ideas, along with an accessibility checklist that is worth checking out. The guide is available on the Internet at http://www.lowes.com/cd_accessible+home_133799062_.

There are literally dozens of new technologies that carry the potential of helping many people lead more independent lives. If you would like to learn more about available technology that may meet your needs, please feel free to contact your local ATRC. ■

The AT Bargain Basement

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Hello, True Believers, and welcome to the *AT Bargain Basement!* This is the home of the assistive technology, or AT, bargain. I am your master of ceremonies for this AT garden party, Marvin Williams. If you're old hat to the *Bargain Basement*, welcome back! If you're new, let me explain how this works. I bring you various AT devices that your fellow *Bargain Basement* dwellers and I find for \$100 or less. Some of the bargains will be in local stores and some may only be available online. If the item is available online, note that there may be shipping charges lurking in the shadows! If you share a bargain with me, I will gladly

give you credit when sharing that bargain with the group. If you share winning lottery numbers with me, however, I will not be so kind. So without further ado, let's get to the bargains!

My first bargain is the **Sure Clip** magnified nail clipper. This is handy for anyone needing to trim their finger or toe nails, without trimming their fingers or toes because they have trouble seeing. The



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clippers have a magnifier attached to them right near the cutting head. This makes it easier to see your nail going into the head to make sure you don't cut too much. There's also a light to make sure things are bright enough for you to see. I saw this unit in *Big Lots* in New Castle (the new one on Basin Road) for \$2. I've also seen them at *Walgreens.com* for \$9.99 (with free shipping), *Kmart.com* for \$4.99 (with free shipping to the store nearest you, which is great if you can get to the store), and from *Amazon.com* for \$5.96 (with about \$4 for shipping and handling). So there are indeed options out there for getting these clippers.

Camera Mouse

Innovative software for people with disabilities

Switching gears, I'd like to talk about a very high-tech tool. It's the **Camera Mouse**, an alternative mouse controller for Windows-based computers. This software allows you to control the movement of your computer's mouse using your head. That's right, using your head. Using the computer's webcam (you have to have a working webcam for this to work), you can move your mouse by moving your head. How do you click? No, not by doing your best impersonation of Jeannie from "I Dream of Jeannie." There are other utilities that help you click by either clicking a switch or just by keeping the mouse in one spot for a given time (you can set that time to be as short or as long as you want). I've used this tool a few times and it's pretty darned cool. It's very effective and you can't beat the price. The software is available as a FREE download from cameramouse.org. I've only used it on a Windows computer running the Windows 7 operating system, but on the Website, the software creator says it works on computers running Windows 7, Vista, or even XP. The software is surprisingly accurate. I've found it can help to add a little reflective tape to the focus point on the head, but even without that, it does a great job. You would be hard-pressed to find a commercial product that functions half as well for anywhere near that price. If you don't have a webcam, you can get one for less than \$30 these days from Walmart, Target, Best Buy or just about any store that sells electronics.



My last bargain is only available here in Delaware. I recently visited my friend Jason Burns who runs the **Goodwill Medical Equipment** shop on Lea Boulevard in Wilmington, and I saw some fantastic walkers that looked brand new! There are even specialty strollers. I knew they were donated equipment he and his guys had cleaned up and refurbished to look wonderful. However, I didn't know that the majority cost \$100 or less! He has the aluminum walkers often seen in yard sales, but I'm also talking about the fancy ones that usually cost \$80 or more. He has those and they're in like-new condition. Any broken parts have been replaced and they're ready to go.

Of course, if you think you may need a walker, you should consult your doctor and a licensed physical therapist before going out to purchase one on your own. Even if you get one from Jason and the folks at Goodwill, you should still take it to a therapist to have it properly fitted (yeah, these things need to be personalized) and to learn how to use it safely. Also, you want to make sure you have the correct feet on them. There are many configurations for walkers. All four legs can have rubber tips like those on a cane; wheels can be on the front and rubber tips on the back; wheels can be on the back and rubber tips on the front; or wheels can be on all legs. There can also be little sleds or skis to make moving over carpet easier, and sometimes tennis balls are cut to fit over the rubber tips. I'm telling you, the options seem nearly endless! So it's important to make sure you're using the appropriate device for safety and comfort. A therapist can definitely help you with that. Oh, I guess I should tell you that you can call the Goodwill store at 302-463-1465 and check out their inventory at www.goodwillde.org/DME.

That does it for this installment of the *AT Bargain Basement*. Join us next time when we'll look at more bargains that may make a difference in your life or the life of someone you care about. As usual, feel free to send along your bargain finds via e-mail to marvinw@udel.edu and follow me on Twitter @ [@mwilliamsAT](https://twitter.com/mwilliamsAT). 'Til next time, remember, just because something's cheap, doesn't mean it's a bargain! ■

A Reminder from a Conversation - SETT and sliced bread

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Yesterday I had an interesting conversation with a Child Study Team case manager. A student on her caseload experienced a traumatic brain injury several years ago and has difficulty with both reading and written expression. Overall, the student's academic abilities are on a kindergarten/first grade level and she reads on a pre-primer level.

This student recently received a neurological exam in a clinical setting. The summary of the exam included findings regarding neurological functioning, as well as specific assistive technology recommendations. The specific assistive technology recommendation was to use Dragon Naturally Speaking (DNS) to provide support for writing and note taking. The IEP team had a phone conference with the doctor who conducted the neurological exam, who contended that "Dragon Naturally Speaking is the only support this student will need."

The case manager asked me my opinion. I told her that without ever meeting the student, it would be impossible for me to say if DNS would be an appropriate support or not. I also told her that DNS does not provide a student with reading support.



Here is the punch line of this story: She asked me if I had a "list of reading supports" that I could "recommend" for this student.

From here I started speaking with her about the SETT Framework by Joy Zabala. It is critical that we as AT Specialists remind others about focusing on the student and feature matching BEFORE any tools are discussed. Child Study Team members and families are looking for tools to support their students, and only want what is best for their students. They can easily get sucked into the spinning vortex of a "great piece of technology." We must be the voice of reason that helps the team take a deep breath before they go out and purchase the next best thing since sliced bread.

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The next issue of the AT Messenger will examine these issues in depth. Stay tuned... ■

The Center for Disabilities Studies - Home to the Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative

As you may know, the Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative (DATI) is part of the Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS) at the University of Delaware. CDS is also home to many other programs that support the well-being, inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities and their families. The mission of CDS is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through education, prevention, service and research related to disabilities. The Center promotes independence and productivity so individuals and families can fully participate in the life of their communities in Delaware and beyond. Furthermore, CDS is:

- One of 67 University Centers for Excellence in



Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) Education, Research and Service nationwide, with core funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Developmental Disabilities

- The largest research and service center in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Delaware
- A hub for the professional and personal develop-

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- ment of students through coursework, internships, assistantships and participation in research and demonstration projects
- Home to the interdisciplinary Disabilities Studies Minor, one of the fastest-growing minors on the UD campus
 - A place where staff and faculty cultivate student learning by:
 - Teaching or co-teaching courses to graduate and undergraduate students
 - Delivering guest lectures to UD graduate and undergraduate students
 - Supporting graduate students with full assistantships
 - Providing experiential opportunities to graduate students
 - Providing internship opportunities to undergraduate students.

The Center for Disabilities Studies is organized into units, the focus of which are described in the rest of this article.

The Transition, Education and Employment Model (TEEM) programs use a person-centered approach to offer people with disabilities a comprehensive set of services, supports and opportunities that will enable them to develop the skills needed to increase their independence, lead productive lives and participate in the community as adults. Programs include: the Career and Life Studies Certificate (CLSC) postsecondary education program; Employment Services; and Community Connectors. All of these programs are pioneering innovative strategies designed to advance policy and practice.

The **Health and Wellness** unit focuses on improving the health and well-being of individuals with all types of disabilities across the lifespan—and their families—through education, information dissemination, technical assistance, research, policy work and systems change activities. It includes all health-related initiatives within CDS, allowing for optimal coordination of activities in this area. This unit houses Healthy Delawareans with Disabilities (HDWD), Emergency Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities (EPID), Family Support and Health-care Alliance Delaware (Family SHADE), Developmental Screening Campaign, health care transition initiatives and other health-related projects.

The **School Age** unit conducts training, technical assistance, evaluation and research for a variety of projects that promote student success. Programs include: Adapting Curriculum and Classroom Environments for Student Success (ACCESS) and the Delaware Positive Behavior Support Project (DE-PBS). This unit also provides technical assistance and monitoring for afterschool programs funded through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

The **Assistive Technology (AT)** unit, which includes DATI, also focuses on accessible instructional materials (AIM), various forms of language representations (e.g., pictures and videos) and recycling of durable medical equipment.

The **Disabilities Studies Minor** engages undergraduate students from across the University in learning about the policies, services and systems that support the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life. The minor requires students to complete 18 credits, nine of which are from required courses. Three electives are selected from courses focusing on human development, social systems and service delivery offered by various colleges and departments. CDS delivers the minor in partnership with the School of Education and Department of Human Development and Family Studies. The Center provides administrative, advising, fiscal and instructional support, with its faculty and staff serving as instructors in key courses. The minor is one of the largest in the University with 2011-2012 enrollment approaching 300.

The **Dissemination and Advocacy** unit—through publications, a website, informational meetings, advocacy efforts and other activities—works to ensure that people with disabilities and their families have access to current information about legislation, services and supports that will help them participate fully in community life. Dissemination and advocacy activities are directed toward legislators, the media and other members of the community to make them aware of the supports and services that people with disabilities need in order to be fully included in society.

You are encouraged to learn more about CDS, its projects and more at <http://www.udel.edu/cds>. ■



Homegrown in DELAWARE

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Through a partnership with the University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS) and its Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative (DATI), Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County (Goodwill) has launched a project to provide access to gently-used durable medical equipment (DME) for Delaware residents with disabilities who might not otherwise be able to acquire such equipment.

Stemming from the Delaware Recycles and Reuses Assistive Technology Project, this initiative expands access and creates a system to connect individuals in need with reconditioned DME. According to Zanthea Nichols, director of Workforce and Business Development, the Goodwill/University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies partnership is helping to utilize shrinking health care dollars, creating new job training and employment opportunities for the community, and promoting green initiatives of recycling and reuse through the program, which will keep unwanted equipment out of Delaware landfills.

"This initiative has multiple benefits to the community we serve," Nichols said. "Those who need durable medical equipment, but cannot afford to buy it new, now have an affordable source for the equipment that will improve mobility, independence and overall quality of life. We have partnered with Chimes of Delaware, serving people with developmental disabilities and other specialized needs, to enable their clients to obtain valuable work experience."

Through an agreement with the Division of Medicaid

and Medical Assistance, the project reclaims equipment that was purchased with Medicaid funds and is no longer being used by the recipient. In addition, the project processes donations of gently-used items collected from the community at all area Goodwill locations. These donated items—wheelchairs, walkers, scooters, commode chairs, hospital beds (manual and electric, adult and pediatric), bath and shower assists, canes and crutches—are sorted, sanitized, repaired and reconditioned. Goodwill maintains an online database to inventory the full range of available equipment at www.goodwillde.org/DME and has opened a freestanding retail store at 311 East Lea Boulevard in Wilmington, Del. where the refurbished medical equipment is sold to the public.

Nichols said Goodwill is also working to identify and expand partnerships with local assisted living and nursing facilities to make them more aware of the equipment recycling project. For more information about Goodwill's DME refurbishment initiative, contact Project Coordinator Jason Burns at 302-463-1465 or at jason.burns@goodwillde.org. Information is also available on Goodwill's website at www.goodwillde.org/DME. ■



Ribbon-cutting at DME store, August 3, 2011



Delaware Assistive Technology Exchange

To learn more about an item listed on the AT Exchange, or to post a listing, contact Sandy Walls at the Sussex County ATRC. You can reach her at 1-302-856-7946, or toll-free at 1-800-870-DATI (3284). The toll-free number uses an automated system to direct your call. To reach Sandy, press 1 after the first prompt and 6 after the next prompt. Please be ready to share your contact information, as well as the item ID of any item that interests you.

If you have Internet access, you do not have to contact Sandy to get the latest listings or post your listing. Simply go to the AT Exchange on the DATI website (www.dat.org/exchange/index.php). Click on the “Register Now” button, unless you already have an AT Exchange account, and complete the online form. All prices listed on the AT Exchange are negotiable if the listing includes “BO,” meaning “best offer.”

Items Available

Computers & Related

Via Voice, IBM, speech recognition software for windows that types as you talk, version 10, software and manual only, very good condition, \$50 or BO, Item ID 1475

Daily Living

5-in-1 bath chair, Omni Reclining Bath/Shower/Commode Transfer System, 175 lb. capacity, see <http://www.columbiamedical.com/special-needs-disabilities-products-details.asp?ProductID=35> for more info, never used, \$1,900, Item ID 1245
Bath chair, Columbia Medical Omni Reclining Transfer Bath System, see <http://www.columbiamedical.com/special-needs-disabilities-products-details.asp?ProductID=47> for more information, never used, \$1,500, Item ID 1513

Bath seat, white, adjustable legs, never used, \$30 or BO, Item ID 1497

Commode, all-in-one, adjustable, very good condition, \$15 or BO, Item ID 1195

Commode, Guardian, adjustable legs, very good condition, \$30 or BO, Item ID 1496

Shower chair, white, arms on both sides, padded seat for easy transport, can be used as potty chair, good condition, BO, Item ID 1445

Shower/commode chair, Invacare/Mariner, 18" W, folds, treaded urethane tires, safety strap, never used, \$275 or BO, Item ID 1301

Shower transfer bench, never used, \$40, Item ID 1373

Environmental Adaptations

Accessible house, lower kitchen cabinets/counter-tops/appliances, platform lift in garage, new deck, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, open floor plan, 3 years old, amenity-rich community near Millsboro, excellent condition, \$219,900, Item ID 1486

Power lift, Invacare Reliant 450, adjustable base, two 24-volt batteries, two standard body slings, weighs 106 lb., excellent condition, \$1,500, Item ID 1429
Stair lift, Silver Glide, 6-stair length, may need new motor, okay condition, BO, Item ID 1498
Stair lift, Silver Glide, 6-stair length, excellent condition, \$1,000 or BO, Item ID 1499
SuperPole, Health Craft, strong modular 8' floor-to-ceiling pole, horizontal SuperBar support arm, braces to floor and ceiling, instructions, excellent condition, \$40 or BO, Item ID 1459

Hearing

Photo phone, Ameriphone/P-300, amplifies incoming sounds to 18dB, 9 programmable buttons, 75dB adjustable ringer, hearing aid compatible, bright ring flasher, extra-large buttons, DE residents only, excellent condition, free, Item ID 1487
TTY/TDD, Krown Mfg/Portaview Junior/Model PV20, 4-row keyboard with 43 keys, rugged case, very good condition, free, Item ID 1488

Mobility, Seating & Positioning

Gait trainer, Rifton, large, all accessory padding and tray, excellent condition, \$450, Item ID 1506

High back mobile chair, Rifton, small, all wood, padding, tray, excellent condition, \$500, Item ID 1504

Hoyer lift, Invacare, electric, 4 years old, very good condition, \$1,000 or BO, Item ID 1471

Power wheelchair, Quantum, right side joystick, 18.5" W x 19" D, excellent condition, \$2,000 or BO, Item ID 1470

Power wheelchair, Invacare Pronto R2, new batteries, leg rests, wheels, Roho cushion, J2 back, seat 22" W x 20" D, good condition, BO, Item ID 1493

Power wheelchair, need Servo connection, right joystick, new batteries, charger, okay condition, free, Item ID 1516

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Power wheelchair, Invacare TDXS, adjustable seat from 16" to 20" W, seat 20" D, seat elevates, adjustable height arm, headrest, multiple drive joystick, battery charger, very good condition, \$1,500 or BO, Item ID 1494

Power wheelchair, Invacare Ranger X, right joystick, excellent condition, \$300 or BO, Item ID 1010

Power wheelchair, Pride Mobility/Jazzy Select 6, wine, 20" W x 20" D, 300 lb. capacity, oxygen holder, never used, \$2,000 or BO, Item ID 1500

Prone stander, Rifton, large, blue, tray, all accessory padding, excellent condition, \$500, Item ID 1505

Prone stander, Rifton, medium, all accessories, excellent condition, \$350, Item ID 1510

Scooter, Currie eZip Scoot-E, 3-wheeled, rechargeable 24V battery pack, basket, wide and comfortable adjustable seat, weighs 85 lb., rated for 260 lb., never used, \$399, Item ID 1087

Scooter, Golden Buzzaround XL/Model GB116, swivel seat, 3-wheeled, red and blue fender inserts, delta tiller handle, basket, easy display control panel, easy access battery pack, 300 lb. capacity, excellent condition, \$1,100, Item ID 1483

Stander, Gazelle P/S Stander by Snugseat, size 1, approximate user height prone: 26" to 46.25"; approximate user height supine: 16" to 46.25", trunk strap, angle indicator, reversible footrests and knee supports, swing down pommel and pelvic support, individual crank out leg abduction, laterals, tray, very good condition, \$200 or BO, Item ID 1342

Stationary chair, Rifton, padded seat, headrest, tray, large, very good condition, \$75 or BO, Item ID 1495

Walker, In-Step Mobility, heavy duty, adjustable, specially made for people with neurodegenerative disease, push brake handles to go forward, good condition, BO, Item ID 1356

Wheelchair, Quickie, tilt, headrest, cushion, 19.5" W x 18" D, please leave a message if no one is at home, very good condition, BO, Item ID 1382

Wheelchair, Invacare Tracer SXS, light weight frame, black, seat and back 18" W, seat 16" D, back 15" H, good condition, BO, Item ID 1357

Recreation, Sports & Leisure

3 wheel bike, Cignal, red, white basket between rear wheels, full seat, non-slip pedals, all wheels are same size, has been kept in garage, will deliver within reasonable distance from Seaford, Del., never used, \$200 or BO, Item ID 1453

Speech Communication

Link Plus, Assistive Technology, Inc., carry case, AC adapter, telephone cable, user's and reference guides, used twice, excellent condition, BO, Item ID 784

Vehicle Modification & Transportation

Turny seat system, Braun, 330 lb. capacity, excellent condition, \$750 or BO, Item ID 1491

Van, Dodge B250 Conversion, 1988, wheelchair lift, 195K miles, new battery/tires/heavy-duty shocks, front and rear a/c, blue and white, 318 - 2 barrel carburetor, good condition, \$1,500 or BO, Item ID 1283

Van, 1997 Grand Caravan, wheelchair ramp, tie downs, 65K miles, new battery, good condition, \$9,000 or BO, Item ID 1490

Vision

Desktop magnifier, SmartView Synergy, magnifies and enlarges text, simple to use controls, configure the system to your needs, reading table, very good condition, \$2,400, Item ID 1509

Video magnifier, Optelec Clearview, 16" flat screen, automatic focus, excellent condition, \$1,200, Item ID 1501

Items Sought

Computers & Related

Child's computer, for developmentally delayed child, donated, Item ID 1467

Computer, needs to be in excellent condition with updated operating system, Item ID 851

Computer, with Windows XP operating system, Item ID 1215

Computer, with Windows XP operating system, Item ID 1138

Laptop computer, for personal use, Item ID 56

Daily Living

Bath lift, to lower person in tub and lift to make exits more user-friendly, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1404

Bath lift, to lower person to seated position in tub, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1386

Bed safety rails, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1437

Commode, sits on top of the toilet, has arms and is 28" wide, donated, Item ID 1466

Raised toilet seat, donated, Item ID 1478

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Raised toilet seat, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1503

Environmental Adaptations

Hi/Lo treatment table, electric, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 944

Lift chair, wide, 300 lb. capacity, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1515

Lift chair, will pay \$100 or less, Item ID 798

Ramp, 12 foot ramp, donated only, Item ID 1465

Stair glide, 10 steps, donated, Item ID 1334

Mobility, Seating & Positioning

Craftmatic/adjustable bed, full, queen or king acceptable, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1479

Craftmatic bed, queen, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1303

Hospital/Craftmatic bed, electric, remote, mattress, donated, Item ID 1507

Scooter, 4-wheel, 300 lb. capacity, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1473

Stroller, special needs, for 4' 5" child, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 736

Travel scooter, lightweight, folding, with lithium batteries, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1480

Walker, wheeled, fold-down seat, 300 lb. capacity, donated or will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1514

Walker, wheeled, with seat and handbrakes, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 1502

Recreation, Sports & Leisure

Bicycle, adult, three-wheeled, will pay reasonable price, Item ID 975

Vehicle Modification & Transportation

Van, mini, power doors and ramp, for senior citizen, donated, Item ID 1492

Van or car, for disabled individual with limited funds, donated, Item ID 852

Wheelchair lift, car, donated, Item ID 1095

Wheelchair lift, will pay reasonable price, for rear bumper, would like to find in middle or lower Del. Item ID 1452

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Vision

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