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## **CCC invites disability advocates to ‘Pitch a Project’**

**W**hat’s on your wish list? Do you have a dream project in mind that would help you serve, support or advocate for persons with disabilities? Every dream could be a big hitter. No project is too small for our big league team here at the Connecting Communities Coalition (CCC).

CCC is Oregon’s first cross-disability coalition. It was launched in late 2009 to fill a gap in the disability community and address the need for an all-inclusive coalition focused on removing barriers. CCC is unique in that it includes nonprofits, businesses and individuals involved in disability issues.

“Pitch a Project” is an opportunity to obtain support for your project from seven of Portland’s top leaders in the disability community. CCC’s leadership is an insightful group of professionals with experience empowering and supporting persons with disabilities for many years.

They’re here to share their passion and commitment to persons in the disability community through this innovative “Pitch a Project.” Tell them about your project, convince them of its value and potential to bring about change. If your project is selected, you’ll be part of a winning team and learn key tips in project development and completion.

### **The project winner will receive:**

- **A \$100 gift certificate**
- **A full media campaign by the PHC Northwest public relations department.**
- **A page on the CCC website, dedicated exclusively to your project, so we can tell your story and engage the community in your project.**
- **Project support and guidance from the CCC steering committee.**
- **Project recognition at the CCC Annual Event on Oct. 14, 2014, which will expose your project to 500 attendees including local and state public officials, business and foundations leaders.**

Application forms are on the CCC website: [www.theccoalition.org](http://www.theccoalition.org).

To qualify, the project proposal needs to include a description, time table, budget and names and contact information of at least three individuals involved. The deadline to submit your project is June 1, 2014. The selected project will be notified by the last week in June.

### **Heavy Hitters Jury:**

**Barbara Dirks, Disability Rights Oregon**

**Jan Campbell, Multnomah Aging and Disability Services; Portland Commission on Disability**

**Allison Falleur, Community Vision**

**Stan Postlethwait, Kaiser Permanente**

**Lynda Van Doran, Diversity & Inclusion of EID Passport, Inc.**

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