

WHITTIER HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL “CELEBRATING ABILITIES” EXPO OCTOBER 21

“Celebrating Abilities,” the sixth annual Expo and Celebration of Disabilities Awareness Month, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at Parnell Park, 15390 Lambert Road. All community members are invited to this free event to learn more about how Whittier is becoming accessible to all of our residents.

The event is jointly sponsored by the City of Whittier Accessibility Committee, Community Services Department and Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) Work Sources to celebrate Disabilities Awareness Month in October.

More than 20 agencies will be represented at the Expo, featuring exhibits and displays on employment assistance information, advocacy, independent and assisted living, parent education, support programs, social services resources and emergency preparedness information.

Also during the month will be an art display in the Parnell Park building lobby from October 13 through 31 featuring local artist Robert Thome, a member of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting. A former Pioneer High School football player, in 1969 Thome sustained a spinal cord injury which left him paralyzed from the neck down. Since that time, he has become a prolific mouth artist, receiving the Governor’s Trophy, California’s high honor, and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. His artwork has been displayed throughout the United States and in other countries.

For more information or to participate in this event, call Martin Browne, Accessibility Coordinator, at (562) 698-2131.