



Wheelchair stories...

- A New York City photographer gets an education in the social and legal discrimination that people with disabilities face. Read about his experiences and see the photo essay, "Revelations in a Wheelchair," [here](#).
- Beautifully animated and so touching, with a wordless and universal message... watch this academy-award nominated short film, "Ian, A Moving Story," about determination and inclusion [here](#).
- Meanwhile, late scientist [Stephen Hawking's wheelchair](#) sold for \$393,000 at auction. Proceeds will go to charity.



If you haven't already, follow us on Instagram at: [ride_designs_wheelchairseating...](#) You'll see all kinds of behind-the-scenes and lifestyle photos, including Chris Waddell's spectacular monoski turn!



Ski season is here

Ride representatives, including president Joe Bieganek pictured here, were in Breckenridge in early December to work with adaptive athletes on their seating.

Hosted by [Disabled Sports USA](#) at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado, [Ski Spectacular](#) is one of the nation's largest winter sports festivals for people with disabilities, with more than 800 participants each year. Programs offered during the week-long event include learn to ski and snowboard lessons, a week-long race camp,

challenge race, free clinics (in nordic skiing, biathlon, curling, and sled hockey), and social / networking events.

Resolving to be more active in 2019? Check out [Challenge magazine](#), providing adaptive sports information to adults and children with disabilities. From those exploring adaptive sports for the first time to disabled athletes on the US Paralympic team, the magazine encourages anyone with a disability to participate in sports. Published online, the latest issue features stories on alpine skiing, sled hockey, and more.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

— Mother Theresa

Fun Finds / Resources

- **The revolution will be 3D printed...** Bob Vogel writes that "hobbyists, inventors and entrepreneurs are creating innovative and affordable disability-related products and other cool stuff" in New Mobility magazine. Learn more [here](#).
- **Wheelchair Basketball 101...** Ever wonder why wheelchair basketball chairs look so different? Find out why, [here](#).

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P.S. If you somehow missed the last newsletter... the most-viewed story was about [cold weather seating concerns](#).

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