September 2021 **Ride On!**





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It's <u>Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) Awareness</u> week which refers to equipment that is medically necessary and individually configured -- requiring evaluation, fitting, configuration, adjustment, or programming. The week's mission is to educate and advocate to protect access to CRT in order to maximize the independence of individuals with disabilities.

In addition, #Unite4CRT offers educational programming all year long. Suppliers, manufacturers, clinicians, caregivers, family, and friends meet in monthly Virtual Town Hall meetings to share stories in a welcoming and supportive environment. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Mission accomplished

Were you able to catch some of the Paralympic action? All of us at Ride developed a personal connection to the US Men's Wheelchair Basketball team when <u>Matt Scott</u> (front and center) visited shortly before the Games, looking for a more optimal connection with his wheelchair.





While at Ride, Matt allowed us to film him speaking about his wheelchair basketball story and the importance of seating to his health and career as a professional athlete.

A five-time Paralympian, now a twotime gold medalist, Matt was also voted by Team USA to be the flag bearer at the closing ceremonies -well done!

New human rights movement, WeThe15, launches

Named for the 1.2 billion persons with disabilities who represent 15% of the world's population... WeThe15 aspires to be the biggest ever human



rights movement for persons with disabilities and aims to put disability right at the heart of the inclusion agenda, alongside ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

Learn more about this new coalition to unite the disability community <u>here</u>. Follow the project on <u>twitter</u> and <u>instagram</u>.



"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar."

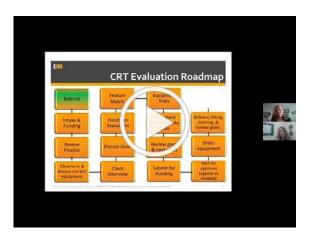
-- Delia Owens, Where the Crawdads Sing

Fun finds / resources

• Check out this <u>video</u> conversation about what to consider when it's time for a new wheelchair.

• "Inspiration porn" -- most Paralympic athletes reject the idea that they should be admired just for coping with disabilities, and not also for what they've accomplished. Read about it here.

Thanks for reading, Your friends at Ride Designs



P.S. If you somehow missed the last newsletter, the most viewed item (for the past two issues!) was about how Ride Designs has been flying under



the radar for much of our more than 20 year history... Unless you needed seating, you probably wouldn't even know our business existed. This <u>video</u>, recently created by our banking partner, illustrates what makes Ride so special and helps highlight the importance of complex rehab technology.

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