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### **EnableMart Teams with Microsoft Accessibility to Educate Educators on Accommodating Disabled Students**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Thousands of disabled persons and the people who care for them will flock to San Diego this week to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Persons with Disabilities Conference at the Manchester Grand Hyatt adjacent to Seaport Village. The conference, better known simply as CSUN to those in the know, is the premier conference on disabilities and Assistive Technology in the US and arguably, in the world. CSUN will host more than 300 educational sessions and break out meetings in addition to a vendor hall that will be home to more than 140 disability-related organizations, businesses and referral groups. The conference runs from Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

EnableMart Product Manager, Michele Paley and Microsoft Accessibility's Gary Moulton will co-present an educational session on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:20pm entitled "Empowering Students with Accessible Technology that Enables Personalized Learning". The session is based on a guide by the same name, hosted online at <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/education> and will focus on giving equal access to students with disabilities with an emphasis on inclusion for disabled students in mainstream classrooms. Topics covered will include accessibility features built into Microsoft Windows 7 in addition to 3<sup>rd</sup> party software and hardware recommended by the industry's leading experts on educational technologies.

Bonnie Kearney, Microsoft's Director of accessibility marketing, Trustworthy Computing, stated earlier this week "Technology has been, and will continue to be, a boon to people with disabilities. Microsoft is proud to offer customizable settings in Windows 7 that make PC access easy for all people, including people with disabilities. We are continually working with companies like EnableMart to understand the needs of the disability community and optimize compatibility with new assistive Technologies. This joint presentation between the Microsoft Accessibility group and EnableMart will highlight many of the tools and settings that are available in Windows 7."

EnableMart has been the industry leader in Assistive Technology distribution for more than a decade and has teamed with technology leaders inside and outside of the disability community to combine mainstream technology with specialized tools to serve students, seniors, parents, advocates, caretakers, therapists and the disabled themselves. Their holistic approach to Assistive Technology distribution & education has made EnableMart one of the most influential resources in the industry today.

To learn more about Assistive Technologies, visit EnableMart online at <http://www.EnableMart.com>. For information and to register for this week's CSUN conference, go online to <http://www.csunconference.org>.

EnableMart is the worldwide leader in assistive technology distribution. With customers in all 50 states and over 45 foreign countries, EnableMart provides over 3,000 assistive technology and assistive living devices from over 200 manufacturers. EnableMart is inspired to continually seek out and provide the best assistive technology products at the most affordable costs and remains steadfast in their mission to change the lives of individuals with disabilities by eliminating barriers and paving the way to independent living.

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