

One of One for Real

by Judy D.

It doesn't matter who or how many of us out there today that are still not getting what we really need, to live a life that's fair. Way back when until now, it really was never really fair really. Back then the only difference was that there were much more people who would help their fellow man if they were down and out. But that is so impossible today because there are so many people trying to stay rich no matter how they became rich, they are just rich.

Then there is the middle class whom did exist more so back then. Exist in a state of greater kindness. Only because people seemed to have more compassion for their fellow man, way back when. There is nothing that resembles compassion for oneself let alone for our fellow man. What happened to the poor? Oh there are more impoverished than you could ever imagine! The poor exist everywhere you look today, and more and more will end up poorer and poorer, pushed aside with those that can't keep up anymore, that is, with those individuals who can't live not much above the poverty line really.

Those who do work for large corporations have to take what they are offered or else no job! So, those that do work one job can barely live above the poverty level. If you are able to afford a cat, you are one of the lucky ones. It all depends on one's health, yes one's health.

If the middle class kingdom can work themselves to a frazzle so much, they have to go on stress leave and hope for the best. Then what, if it's one person trying to cope, it still is very difficult because no one really listens to a lonely person with a problem. And I'm sure that there are others out there in the same boat.

Well, we should be able to stick up for each other more, and stand together instead of against one another. That is why there is so much anger and emotional heat among all of us. For whatever the cause there is no good reason that we have to fight each other. We are all stressed out about all kinds of issues, like, "Will we be able to keep a roof over our head because there is no rent control whatsoever!"

There are landlords out there that know when you

get a raise. No matter what the case may be, they squeeze the last penny. They do not care about anyone's health and welfare as long as they can bleed you dry. Well if money was our blood most of us would be dead. Does it matter really that no one landlord understands at all how to treat impoverished tenants who are trying to live a life with a roof over one's head?

Anyway, who really cares in the long run? Who is really going to listen anymore? They figure there will be somebody to pay the price that can of course afford to live with inflation. Well does anyone out there feel that the inflation effect is so bad to the point of losing their home and everything that should be humanely considered along with the home? By those who are not fighting every day to get a little above the poverty level?

In order for that to happen the minimum wage would have to be \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour with half decent benefits to help keep a healthy body and mind which every one of us needs to function properly and live a normal life. What does this mean? Well it depends on your status. Here is where we are labeled in a greedy society of greedy crazy individuals that think they are not doing any wrong as far as they were told, or realize. No one really knows what is going on in the government, even the larger businesses out there, wealthy religions, that are not wanting to close their doors for no one.

But the new or very old process of manipulation of society is here in spades once again. Government and large businesses are found to be conferring in secret. About cutting social programs, only building high end townhouses and condos, deconstructing labor unions, making health care only for the private individuals who are rich, and boosting tuition, making these costs so expensive only the children of the powerful and wealthy can afford post secondary education! There are so many people that need help in one way or another. If this unethical manipulation were to stop altogether a lot of the bureaucrats regarding government assistance wouldn't have jobs really. There are those out there that really do not want the poor to get far ahead because

people would lose government jobs that they don't want to lose, of course! The poverty industry is thriving, for goodness sakes!

We should have a mediator between us poor and the rest. For us poor, getting a better chance to live a healthy and safe life and to have a phone, electricity, and even cable T.V. plus keeping our teeth healthy before it is too late as these are part of the human body. Well also I really do believe that the rich that can pay for health care should do so. They are worthy, and they should want to pay for the best if they can afford it. Then those that really can't afford to get sick need the public system, in order to keep what little we are trying to hang on to. It is so wrong to be treated unfairly and poorly, no matter how you are labeled in our society. We shouldn't feel less or lesser of our selves, and experience our self esteem taking a dump in the dumpster, but should be treated half decent, even if we are a person that is down on their luck. For whatever reason, we are all judged by those that don't want to be judged, and that is judged by those that are there to help those that are losing the battle of life.

Come on there is a lot more help out there. More resources than society lets on about. More than what we think or are told about. None of us should suffer a life of begging for help from organizations that put you on hold until it's too late. Some die an early normal death or they commit suicide just because of all the bull crap one person has to go through for help for a serious problem. But no one cares or listens until you are dead. Then they go on and on and on and on about the poor, poverty, in an endless litany of hand wringing and sorrows and poignant poetry and crying a river of tears. Have you ever been to a funeral for a poor person and experience such a spectacle? And all of them, well dressed, well educated, all of them who show up mourning, who were never there when he or she was alive and in a world of hurt and pain? Unbelievable! Huge crowds! Help, before it's too late. For real. Straight from my heart to your heart.

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EDN - Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Network

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The Entrepreneurs With Disabilities Network is a place where persons with disabilities can get

help with starting a business.

They are a non-profit organization, formed in 1995, comprised of people with disabilities who own, or plan to start a business.

Their mission is to promote & facilitate entrepreneurship among persons with disabilities, to understand and represent the needs of entrepreneurs with disabilities, and to advise government, business service providers, and others on how best to serve entrepreneurs with disabilities.

As a member of EDN, I am having a positive experience from being part of this organization. They have helped me with finding ways of getting my current business ideas going. I am

currently working on a small post card business, and EDN is great at giving me helpful advise. With EDN's help and my other experience as a salesperson for Street Feat Magazine I am building my confidence to run a business.


I had the privilege of attending their AGM back in April of 2007, and of staffing one of the booths where I was test marketing my post cards. Because of this opportunity I was able to get some very helpful feedback. The AGM went well.

Because of my

involvement with this organization, I am learning more about what I need to know to start a business, and getting some practice becoming a photographer with a

camera, which they loaned me.

I would recommend EDN to any person with a disability interested in starting a business.



EDN Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Network

Do you have a drive to succeed?
Do you have an entrepreneurial attitude?
Do you want to learn more about starting your own business?
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Kendall at his booth during the EDN Annual General Meeting, April, 2007. (photo by Kyle Gould, EDN coop student from Dal)



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