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Hear My Voice

Stories Told by Albertans with Developmental Disabilities
Who Were Once Institutionalized



The Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) had a unique opportunity to capture the oral histories of an aging and vanishing population—people with developmental disabilities who were institutionalized for years and survived to live meaningful lives in the community.

These compelling personal histories of triumph over adversity—histories not known or experienced by many Canadians—must not be lost forever. The sharing of these stories not only contributes to social change, but having life stories preserved and respected can be both a healing and a renewing experience for people with disabilities themselves.

“And [the charge nurse] took my arm and twisted it so bad that I was just in tears when I left. And you know I kind of thought, “Now, why did you do this?” but I really couldn’t say nothing. And, so I thought, “Well, if I only had a key to get out the door, I’ll go see about this.” But I couldn’t get out because we couldn’t have keys...You never know. Someday, it will come their turn.

— Tedda Kaminski, Lethbridge

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