

Beach Access for All

As told by Larry Rosenberg,
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Beverly Rosenberg loved being active. She would walk on the beach and run through the hills near her home in Rancho Santa Fe outside San Diego. And then one sad day, while running, she felt dizzy and fell. Over the next few weeks Beverly began suffering from increasingly severe headaches. Then following a sea cruise to England with her husband Larry, the headaches got much worse and she eventually lost consciousness. The doctors diagnosed bleeding in her brain. Beverly did eventually wake up but had lost all sensation in her limbs and was a quadriplegic. She could not talk and could barely move her head.

Beverly's gradual recovery over the past few years has been astounding. She can now smile and her eyes respond and react to people around her. With a little help from her friends, Beverly can now use her walker and feed herself. Her memory is rapidly improving. With her old friend the water, she is gaining some movement and strength through water exercise. And then along came the "chair".

The "chair" is a curious blend of plastic pipe and balloon tires that can carry a person from the street onto the beach. Provided by the Del Mar Lifeguards, it gives access across the beach for people with disabilities. At first, Beverly seemed slightly reluctant to use the chair. But now she loves it. Beverly beams at her husband while the sea breeze blows through her hair as her chair bounces over the sand. Again, she's enjoying the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the ocean. And again, Beverly Rosenberg loves being active.

***Beverly Rosenberg
enjoying the beach.***

