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November 10th**

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Process**

In October we lost another member of our community, Dr. James Sampson. Dr. Sampson passed away on 10/4/15 . The following is taken from the obituary in The Oregonian. He was a wonderful sweet person who was a pioneer in the HIV community in Portland and throughout the Country. He will missed by all who knew him. May his legacy live on.

Sampson, James 65 June 22, 1950 Oct. 04, 2015 Dr. Jim Sampson, 65, died peacefully Oct. 4, 2015, at home after a long struggle with Lewy body disease. Jim will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit, leadership in HIV research and treatment both in Oregon and nationally, and the way he made us all feel valued and loved. He is survived by his hus-band and partner of 47 years, Geof Beasley; pugs, Olive and Caper; daughter, Adele; sisters, Miriam Tillman and Elizabeth Martin; brother, George; many nieces and nephews; and many close members of his chosen family. Although most of his life was spent in Oregon, Jim was a gentle southerner to his core. Born in LaGrange, Ga., to George and Sarah Horton Sampson, he was by turns charming, mischievous and wildly talented, and the most gracious host you could ever meet.

Jim graduated from Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia. Settling in Portland in 1979, he served as medical director, Health Services Division and the HIV/ AIDS Program at Multnomah County Health Department; associate clinical professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at OHSU; instructor of medicine at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital; member of the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners and its chair for two years; co-founder of the Oregon AIDS Taskforce; co-chair of the Steering Committee for the Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS; and co-founder of Art AIDS. In 2009, the Oregon Public Health Institute honored him with the Meritorious Service Award. As executive director and principal investigator at The Research and Education Group, Jim and his colleagues conducted clinical research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, contributing much to the knowledge and treatments in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Jim served on the board of trustees for the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art and the Pacific Northwest College of Art. He and Geof hosted many benefits for local charities in their garden, Bella Madrona. Jim had a genius for friendship, and those of us who loved him will cherish his memory throughout the rest of our lives. He was a healer, a leader in the fight against the great epidemic of our time and just about the most fun to be with that you can imagine.

We will celebrate his life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Catlin Gabel Cabell Center Theater, 8825 S.W. Barnes Road. Carpooling encouraged. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org); [Portland Institute for Contemporary Art](http://Portland Institute for Contemporary Art); or [Pacific Northwest College of Art](http://Pacific Northwest College of Art). -

<http://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?pid=176145430>

## Seventy Years of National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



October concluded National Disability Employment Awareness Month, marking a time to celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for this year — which marks 70 years since the first observance — is "My Disability is One Part of Who I Am."

To raise awareness about the positive economic impact of our disability program, we are releasing two new online data resources — our new state disability fact sheets and our national disability issue paper. These two online resources show how we continue to fulfill our intergenerational promise of support to America's workers and their families.

The state disability fact sheets include information by state and congressional district about disabled workers, children of insured workers, and spouses of insured workers who are receiving disability benefits. They also compare the average annual disability benefit to the poverty threshold and show more specific data about the recipients in those areas.

The national disability issue paper describes the fundamental principles of our disability program, its economic impact, and how it continues to live up to its founding ideals. Read the fact sheets at [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong-stats-DI/2014/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong-stats-DI/2014/index.html) and the issue paper at [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/issuepapers/ip2015-01.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/issuepapers/ip2015-01.html). Find even more information about SSA's disability programs at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts).

## HELPING VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs

On Veterans Day, the nation honors the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the respect they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

The Wounded Warriors website answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Learn more by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

Social Security is proud to support the veterans and active duty members of the military. Let these heroes know they can count on us when they need to take advantage of their earned benefits.

## Social Security Q & A

### Question:

Will my disability benefits be reduced if I get workers' compensation or other public disability benefits?

### Answer:

If you get either workers' compensation or public disability benefit payments, we may reduce Social Security benefits for you and your family. Public disability benefit payments paid under a federal, state, or local government law may affect your Social Security benefit. This includes civil service disability benefits, temporary state disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits based on disability. Disability payments from private sources, such as a private pension or insurance benefits, don't affect your Social Security disability benefits. However, in some cases, private disability insurers may require you to apply for Social Security disability benefits before they pay you. You may want to check to find out about your private insurer's policy.

We reduce the Social Security disability benefits you and your family get if the combined total amount, plus your workers' compensation payment, plus any public disability payment you get, exceeds 80 percent of your average earnings before you became injured or ill.

See the publication *What You Need To Know When You Get Social Security Disability Benefits* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) for more information.

### Question:

What is the difference between Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability?

### Answer:

Social Security is responsible for running two major programs that provide benefits based on disability. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is based on prior earnings. SSDI is financed through the taxes you pay into the Social Security program. To be eligible for an SSDI benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work to be "insured" for Social Security purposes. SSDI benefits are payable to eligible blind or disabled workers, the widow(er)s of a disabled worker, or adults disabled since childhood.

SSI disability payments are made based on financial need to adults or children who are disabled or blind, have limited income and resources, meet the living arrangement requirements, and are otherwise eligible. SSI is a program financed through general revenues. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

### Question:

What is a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)?

### Answer:

A PASS helps Supplemental Security Income disability beneficiaries return to work. It is a written plan of action for getting a particular kind of job or starting a business. In it, you identify:

- the job or business (this is your work goal);
  - the steps you will take and the things you will need in order to achieve your work goal (for example: education or training, transportation, child care, or assistive technology);
  - the money you will use to pay for these things (this may be any income (other than SSI benefits) or assets, such as Social Security benefits, wages from a current job, or savings); and
- a timetable for achieving your goal

For more information, visit our publication on the subject at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).



## Reducing Stress through Creative Arts and Crafts



### What:

A free drop in art group for persons living with HIV—no art experience needed!

### When and Where:

Wednesdays  
1:00pm — 4:00pm  
426 SW Stark Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Rm



### Facilitator:

Pat Jenkins  
Art Therapist



### Supplies:

All art supplies provided!

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