

“And he did it all from his wheelchair...”

Tomorrow President Clinton will dedicate the statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his wheelchair at the FDR Memorial in the nation's capital. Taking its place in the company of the memorials to Presidents Jefferson and Lincoln, this magnificent statue depicts FDR in the wheelchair he used daily during the 12 years of his presidency.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt led America and the world through the gravest crises of the last century. FDR's disability experience was the source of his great leadership qualities: courage, determination, patience and compassion. He inspired people worldwide, with and without disabilities, to triumph over adversity. Through this statue, he will continue to do so.

The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY, which initiated, raised the funds for, and led the six-year Rendezvous with Destiny campaign for the statue, gratefully acknowledges and thanks the many people who joined with us to bring it to reality. They include, among others:

- Advocates and demonstrators with disabilities from all across America
- 52 supporting disability organizations
- Funders of the statue: major contributors (the Peter Kovler and Gordon Gund families) and many other donors, from schoolchildren to FDR-era polio survivors
- Sculptor Robert Graham and supervising architect Lawrence Halprin
- Hugh Gallagher, Doris Kearns Goodwin and other FDR historians
- The Roosevelt family
- President Clinton and former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford.
- Senators Cleland, Gregg, Harkin, Inouye, and Stevens; Congressmen Hinchey and Regula; and other Members of Congress
- The Department of Interior and The National Park Service
- Members of the print and broadcast media

Signatures of Michael R Deland, Chairman and Alan A. Reich, President

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