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Melanie Taddeo, at the age of 21, suffered a massive stroke that left her completely paralyzed on her left side and legally blind. She founded Connect4Life, www.connect4life.ca, to provide programs that promote independence for people with disabilities. Jerry Ford who grew up in a small full-of-promise city in Ontario. At the age of 28 his storybook life was severely affected by the onset of multiple sclerosis. They talk about their lives, careers, their challenges and their work. They explain the status of Connect4Life, how it raises the funds it needs, how it will set up Voices4Ability Radio

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Jerry Ford

Jerry Ford grew up in a small city in Southwestern Ontario which, he says, "in the 60s was very special. Small enough that you could participate in almost anything that was going on but large enough to have a university with all the stimulation that provides to a community. Especially in the 60s. At age 28 my storybook life was severely affected by the onset of multiple sclerosis. I had no time for this, busy as I was with my career and young family. I refused to buy into the prognosis I was given and 36 years later continue the daily fight to maintain my quality of life. And what a life it has been so far, the tension caused by sharing my body with a monster means I celebrate ever sacred mo

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Melanie Taddeo

Melanie Taddeo is a passionate advocate who, at the age of 21, suffered a massive stroke that left her completely paralyzed on her left side and legally blind. After years of therapy she was able to regain her independence, and go on to become the first legally blind teacher to graduate in Ontario, as a certified special education teacher. She has 10 years' experience in program development, fundraising, community outreach, volunteer management, and public speaking. She founded Connect4Life, www.connect4life.ca, because of her personal experience of the lack of programs that promote independence for people with disabilities. She has made it her goal to help

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