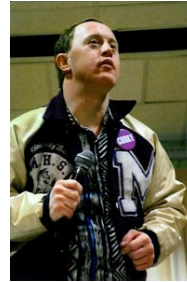


Famous Persons with Developmental Disability



Josh Blue: Comedian

Josh was voted the Last Comic Standing in 2006. Many of his jokes center on living with his disability, how he deals with it and how other people view him. Josh has cerebral palsy.



Chris Burke: Actor

Chris is best known for the four years he spent playing Charles "Corky" Thatcher on the hit TV show "Life Goes On" and his reoccurring role as Taylor, the angel of faith on the show "Touched By An Angel". Chris has Down syndrome.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D.:

Professor, Author & Speaker

Temple Grandin has been featured on major television programs, such as Primetime Live and 20/20 and written about in Time and People magazines. Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Temple has autism.



Vernon L. Smith:

Nobel Laureate

Currently a Professor of Economics and Law at George Mason University, Vernon has Asperger's syndrome.



Christy Brown: Author, Painter & Poet

The Academy Award winning film My Left Foot profiled his life. For years he was incapable of deliberate movement or speech. However, his mother continued to try to teach him until he famously snatched a piece of chalk from his sister with his left foot and, holding chalk between his toes, he eventually learned to read and write. Christy had cerebral palsy.



Dylan Scott Pierce: Wildlife Illustrator

Dylan Scott Pierce has participated

in many exhibits across the United States including the International ArtExpo New York. He has received local and national media attention for his art. Dylan has autism.

Satoshi Tajiri: Inventor

Satoshi is the creator and inventor of "Pokeman." He owns the franchise and is founder of the video game company Game Freak. Satoshi has Asperger's syndrome.



Jane Cameron: Artist

Jane's embroidered tapestries are glowing statements of her imagination and her love for life and affection for all living things. Her original tapestries are on display throughout the world and have been showcased in numerous magazines and books on textile art. Jane has Down syndrome.



Sujeet Desai: Musician

Sujeet is an accomplished musician who plays six instruments including the clarinet, saxophone, violin, piano and drums. He graduated from Berkshire Hills Music Academy in Massachusetts. Sujeet travels around the world to do his inspirational solo performances and self-advocacy workshops. Sujeet has Down syndrome.

