

Meet Our Partner

Learn more about JobCentral's Disability Channel partner – Disaboom

When I woke up in the hospital, my life was turned upside down.

I didn't have any resources.

So I needed any information.

I was the only person with a physical disability in my high school.

There was no other place for people to go.

How do I live my life? How do I live forward?

[MUSIC]

Dr. Glen House, M.D., Founder: Once we told them what we think they need to know, where do they go for education whether it be medical, whether it be equipment, whether it be what do you do in travel. What do I do from here on and the rest of my life? There wasn't a place for that. And so, that's really where we came up with the creation of Disaboom.com.

Dr. Joel Press, M.D., Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago: I would use Disaboom with my patients to be able to say to someone, here's an opportunity for you, here's a place to go to answer all of your questions.

Dr. House: Disaboom.com is, yeah, we understand what our problem is, now what do we do?

[LYRICS]

Don't give up now

Yes you have the power

Michael Fay, Chief Operating Officer: It's not about ending at the life-changing event; it's about moving forward. The Internet has places that you can go to live forward. Disaboom.com.

[LYRICS]

Take a look around

You will see that so many people feel just like you

Here's one place where you can go to connect with people that have been through it before, and that's the key. If there was someone there that had been through it before for me, it would have been a lot easier.

What people need to realize about disability is you don't have to be the disabled person in order for it to affect you.

Mr. Fay: Disaboom.com is about living lifestyles. You have a community where you can talk about, "Hey, you know what, I'm going surfing this weekend, does anybody want to come with me?" Some of those communities aren't available on the Internet today.

Dr. House: It's kind of like being in a support group, but it's the entire world.

There really aren't any limitations. Anything is possible. It's all about connecting each other together.

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Dr. Press: I think it helps people, even that don't have disabled people in their family, understand a little bit more about disability.

Everything that I thought was out there in place for folks that hit the wall like we did, didn't exist.

Dr. House: I needed a platform to be able to go out and reach other people and say, "Can I do this? What can I do? What do I expect? What's going to be the rest of my life?" My family members needed the same thing.

Disaboom.com is the opportunity to have those collective brains in that community come together. You can go to one place and figure out the answer to those questions so you don't have to re-invent the wheel.

Mr. Fay: There isn't a site that has medical content, classifieds, restaurant reviews, lifestyles, forums, discussions. All of these different things put together in one location for people of a particular market.

J.W. Roth, Chairman and CEO of Disaboom: Take careers, for example. What Disaboom.com offers is the opportunity to go into a massive Career Center where there are literally thousands and thousands of jobs.

Dr. House: It really is a site that you come back to day after day after day, several times a day, because it's always changing.

I'm excited to be interacting on Disaboom and meeting new people every day. Everyone has an amazing story.

Disaboom.com is about life after a disability. It's about living forward. It's about going out there and just tackling life and moving on and saying, nothing's going to stop me. I'm going to accomplish everything I can accomplish. I'm going to have the best life possible.

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As clichéd as that sounds

It's true