Denied services by the California Department of Rehabilitation:

"Not employable"

Denied admission to UC-Berkeley:

"We tried cripples once. It didn't work."
Helpless Cripple Attends Classes at UC - Berkeley

Berkeley Gazette

1963
Reinforcements are on the way ...

1964
1972

Bedding down for the night ... after a long day ... working on his PhD ... starting the Physically Disabled Student’s Program ... developing the 1st Center for Independent Living
Governor Jerry Brown, with newly appointed Director of the California Department of Rehabilitation

1975
I'm tired of well meaning noncripples with their stereotypes of what I can and cannot do directing my life and my future.

The Tao of Ed
Overcoming Barriers

• How would you describe Ed’s vision?

• What outcomes did Ed want to achieve?

• What barriers were in his way?

• What did he do to overcome those barriers?

• When did Ed become a leader?
Vision

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic to it.

- Goethe
Action

At a certain point, I just felt, you know, God is not looking for alms, God is looking for action.

- Bono
Involving Others

Five People ... You can do almost anything with just five people. Just one ... it's hard. But put that one person with four or five more, you have a force to contend with.
Asking for Help

If you don't ask, you don't get.

- Stevie Wonder
NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.

MARGARET MEAD