

Break Through Inc.

"Expanding Awareness of and Sensitivity
Towards Persons with Disabilities"



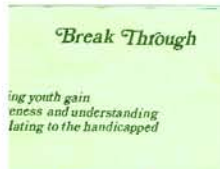
30th Anniversary!

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Break Through began in the late 1970's by Ben D. Anderson. It was a dream of his to start a Christian organization to help others to understand people with disabilities. It took him a while to deal with his own attitude about his disability. He knew he had to change, as it would become the center point of his message.

1978



First Brochure

10 years

BREAK THROUGH'S 1st DECADE

Feb. 28, 1978 - Break Through's first bank at Golden Valley, MN

March 17th 1978- First speaking engagement

June 14th 1978- First Board meeting

August 1979- Became an extension of St. James Lutheran Church of Crystal, MN at a non-profit status

June 1979-First workshop in Joplin, Missouri

July 28th 1980- Break Through Inc. paper was signed by Ben D. Anderson, Phil Stedje and Dick Beckmen

July 29 1980- Break Through became a non profit organization in the State of Minnesota

1980's- Break Through did the first "family" visit with parents with a child with a disability.

1981- Anderson wrote his first book entitled

"Breaking Through" with Dick Beckmen



November 6-7th 1987- Break Through celebrated it's 10 year anniversary with authors-- Harriet W. Rose. -"Something is Wrong with my Child" and Eunice McClurg, "Your Down's Syndrome Child".



20 years

BREAK THROUGH'S 2nd DECADE

Sept. 1988-Aug. 1992-Ben went to University of Wisconsin-Stout to receive his B.S. degree in vocational rehabilitation with an emphasis on community based rehab.

June 7, 1992- Ben honored with being one of the Anderson's named for "Anderson Hall" at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp.

August 1994- Ben did his first corporate training with Hallmark Cards in Illinois.

March 29 1998- Break Through celebrated it's 20 year anniversary at Lake Wapogasset.

Ben delivered messages to parent groups, advocacy groups, businesses and churches during this second decade whether it was to a small gathering or to a large forum.

"...EXPANDING AWARENESS....."

30 years

BREAK THROUGH'S 3rd DECADE

Since 1978 Ben D. Anderson has continued to be the chief trainer for Break Through. His presentations range from keynote speaker- to workshops, to classrooms and open forums.

Schools- UW- Stout, WI; Jamestown College, ND, Alexandria Tech, MN.; U of M. St. Cloud, MN; U of K- Kansas City, KS; Valley City University, ND; Seattle Pacific University, WA

Businesses- Lockheed Martin; Hardees Restaurants; (awareness training)

Organizations- TASH; Easter Seals; (DPI) Dept of Instruction WI; Minot Mayor's, ND; 31st Annual Employment, WA; Youth Leadership Disability, ND; RFW(rehab conference), WI., "Abilities Expo" NJ and MN

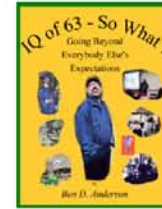
Parent and Church groups-from Wisconsin to Washington and between.

January 2006 - Ben was appointed to the Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council



March 26, 2006- Ben married Dee at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp. Since that time they have worked together as husband and wife, as director and administrator of Break Through Inc. and continuing it's mission.

August 2007- Ben writes and publishes his second book- "IQ of 63, So What!" *Going Beyond Everybody Else's Expectations.*



Dear Ben and Dee,

Of all the books that are sent to me to read, your book, "IQ of 63, So What!" *Going Beyond Everybody Else's Expectations*, is one of the most uplifting, challenging and dramatic.

The pictures were tremendously inspiring. The chapters I have read were not only delightful to read but also deeply meaningful in its message which really is a message of AMAZING GRACE.....I have blessed memories of you and your ministry during that summer. When I think of you and your professional career, how the Lord is blessing you both in government and the church, it could only be explained by the words in

John 15: 16:

"YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT, FRUIT THAT SHALL ABIDE, SO THAT WHATEVER I ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE IT TO YOU."

Sincerely, Pastor William E. Berg

January 2008

My friend Dr. Berg is 97 years and continues to author his own books.



Break Through celebrates it's 30th year in March of 2008! The next ten will be great!

Ben's Reflections

As I reflect on these last 30 years, I'm not only amazed about where this organization has been, but by the people that have touched my life and allowed me to be a part of theirs. One important piece of the organization in the early years was to do home visits. To sit down with families, listen to them, discuss their child, and try to give them some encouragement. I have always enjoyed getting together with families because many of them become life long friends.

It is always fun to meet different congregations and to represent people with disabilities. What a humbling experience it is to have someone come up afterwards and say, "Your words have touched my life."

Whether it is at school, camp, church, or an event it is joyful and challenging to work at youth gatherings.

Youth are full of fun and excitement and many times I get caught up in their energy. You can't help but get caught up in their energy. Kids add a new point of view and new hope.

After being at many businesses and universities I can see that people are interested in learning how to relate better to others with disabilities and how to deal with their own disabilities.

It is really hard to know the impact of the message I have given over the years, but one hopes that it helps people. Many times I have received notes from someone I have been with in the recent past and they talk about what my message meant to them on a personal level.

My wife Dee and I look forward to meeting many more friends in the next decade.

Ben D. Anderson

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