

What People Are Saying:

“Freedom Machines is a remarkable film that will change forever the way you look at disability. It shows the transformative power of technology when placed in the hands of people with disabilities and challenges your ideas about what is achievable today.”

—Ginny and Dick Thornburgh
Ginny Thornburgh founded and directs the Religion and Disability Program for the National Organization on Disability. Dick Thornburgh was Attorney General of the U.S. from 1988 -1991.

“Freedom Machines demonstrates how technology is unlocking the contributions of disabled people. It challenges the viewer to ask, what are we doing to ensure that no disabled persons’ contributions are limited by their inability to obtain appropriate technology?”

—Judith Heumann, Former Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Education

“Freedom Machines is required viewing for teachers, service providers, policy makers, and anyone who works with disabled children, adults, or seniors. This film makes you think differently and opens your mind to what’s possible. When people have the support they need, they soar.”

—Andy Imparato, President and CEO
American Association of People with Disabilities

“Freedom Machines explains to those who have no knowledge or understanding, what we are about as a field. It is not only a revelation but a call to action. It raises a healthy indignation about the fact that we are far from realizing the potential of technology.”

—Jacquelyn Brand, Parent Advocate
Founder, Alliance for Technology Access

“Freedom Machines changes the way we see. It opens our eyes and expands our thinking....Inspiring and powerful”

—Roger Cazares, President and CEO
MAAC Project

“EXTREMELY MOVING... I am vigorously reminded of how important the role of technology is in the lives of so many people, especially those with special needs.”

— Erroll Reese, President
CTCNet

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“This powerful documentary vividly conveys the power of technology to change lives. We hope it is widely distributed so that its message of hope and transformation can be heard by those who can help bring assistive technology to the many young people who can benefit from it.”

—Wendy Lazarus & Laurie Lipper, Co-Directors,
The Children’s Partnership

“Finally, a compelling case for new public policies and programs to bring Americans with disabilities the needed technologies that bring freedom from poverty and institutionalization.”

—Mary Lester, Executive Director
Alliance for Technology Access

*“Technology is something most of us take for granted because it’s part of the fabric of services we expect from society—like electric lights, mass transportation, telephones and now the Internet. **Freedom Machines** shows us that, while assistive technology is especially vital to the independence, productivity and dignity of people with disabilities, they can’t take its availability for granted. We learn about the promise of technology and the challenges in making it available through meeting an extraordinary group of people—old and young, with all kinds of disabilities, from all parts of the country—who lead us through the highs and lows of problems solved and challenges left to be overcome. By the end of the film, I wanted to meet them all personally and to follow their lives as they move into the future. I wondered what will happen to me and the people I love if and when we need this technology that is so empowering and yet so hard to obtain. And finally, I wanted to know how we’re going to fix the system that should be making this all available. **Freedom Machines** is a powerful film and a powerful call to action.”*

—Jeanne Argoff, Ph.D., Executive Director
Disability Funders Network