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**DISABILITY FACTS & IMPORTANT
INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFIT
VERIFICATION LETTERS**

I always tell people that I have the most wonderful job in the world, because I get to be inspired every day by the people I meet, and their incredible stories of courage and perseverance. I wish everyone had the opportunity to see how the Social Security benefits we help our clients fight for can change the lives of real people in our communities, and even inspire them to help others who face hardships. That is why I am so excited about a new website from Social Security called "The Faces and Facts of Disability". The website tells personal stories of some of the people who are helped by Social Security Disability. Our first article here explains more, and tells you where to find these inspiring stories, or even share your own.

While Social Security becomes more technologically advanced, there are efforts underway to provide more personalized services for those who need them. For instance, our second article touches on the fact that Social Security will continue to provide benefit verification letters in local offices on request.

I am encouraged to see Social Security sharing real stories from real people, and showing a renewed dedication to providing in-person service when needed. I want to remind you that we are also committed to taking a personal approach whenever we can. We certainly have all of the latest technology at our disposal to make the process of helping our clients receive their benefits as fast and efficient as possible. But we are also a team of real people who are always happy to answer your questions and help you throughout the process.

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Social Security touches the lives of millions of Americans, often during times of hardship, transition, or uncertainty. Social Security's benefit programs-retirement, survivors, and disability-offer financial protection for people and families in need. Today, 56 million Americans live with the challenge of disabilities-that's one-in-five Americans. But it's when we get to see the story of an individual that we come to understand the true face of disability.

Social Security's new website, the Faces and Facts of Disability, introduces you to people like Jamey, a woman who was born with progressive nerve damage and was unable to find a good job until she was 35. "Social Security kept me from being homeless, and it motivated me to keep fighting harder to live the life I wanted to live," Jamey said. She now works at a job where she helps empower people with disabilities. Learn more about Jamey and how Social Security helped her live a better life of helping others, at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts/spotlight.html.

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Jamey is just one of the real people you can "meet" at the website, which aims to dispel the misconceptions about the Social Security disability insurance, or SSDI, program and tells the personal stories of the people who disability benefits have helped. The numbers and facts are important. But the inspiring stories of real people-our neighbors and family and friends-give the real picture of what disability benefits are all about. You can even help spread the word by submitting your own personal stories. Find out for yourself with a visit to www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

Source: <http://socialsecurity.gov/news/newsletter/>



SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES TO CONTINUE OFFERING BENEFIT VERIFICATION LETTERS IN LOCAL OFFICES

Providing services when and where the public needs them most is central to Social Security's mission. With that in mind, Social Security will continue to provide benefit verification letters in local offices when requested.

Over the years, Social Security has invested in technology that allows most government agencies and many other organizations to verify their clients' Social Security benefits electronically without requiring a visit to a local field office. Social Security will continue their educational outreach to encourage federal, state, and local agencies to take advantage of the agency's data exchange programs that can serve customers more efficiently and effectively.

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"We appreciate the feedback from members of Congress, our community stakeholders and agency partners. We want to ensure that we meet the needs of our customers in a way that is convenient for them and also cost-effective and secure for all," Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin stated. "We also want to ensure that the public is aware that they can access many of our services without making a trip to a local field office."

The easiest and most convenient way for most people to get instant benefit verification is by creating a secure my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

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Jan Dils keeps you updated on Social Security disability benefits news and important issues that matter the most. We not only focus on Social Security Disability, we also provide legal assistance for Veterans Disability Benefits. We understand the claims process and specialize in making sure Veterans receive the proper representation needed for receiving benefits. For more information on our Veterans Disability services, please visit www.fight4vets.com

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