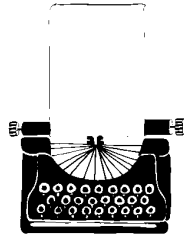


**17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ABILITIES UNITED AUTHORS' LUNCHEON  
Saturday, November 8, 2008**



Crowne Plaza Cabana  
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**Our 17<sup>th</sup> literary event benefits programs at Abilities United  
and features authors' presentations during the luncheon,  
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*Abilities United champions people with developmental and physical challenges and provides the training, education and support they need to lead the lives they choose.*

Each year, Abilities United - a Bay area agency based in Palo Alto - provides services to over 2,500 persons from infancy to adulthood.

The Authors' Luncheon raises more than \$200,000 to support direct client services. More information about Abilities United and the Authors' Luncheon is available at [www.AbilitiesUnited.org](http://www.AbilitiesUnited.org)

**17th Annual  
Abilities United Authors' Luncheon**  
Saturday, November 8, 2008 10:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Crowne Plaza Cabana 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

**Why:** *Abilities United champions people with developmental and physical challenges and provides the training, education and support they need to lead the lives they choose.* Our Authors' Luncheon raises more than \$200,000 annually to provide services for participants and their families in four major areas: Children's Development, Family Support, Adult Services and Aquatic Services. The dollars raised help offset sharply declining public funding and allow Abilities United to serve more than 2,500 individuals throughout the Bay area.

**What:** Abilities United Authors' Luncheon is an annual literary event which benefits Abilities United, a non-profit agency based in Palo Alto, which has served Bay area residents for 45 years. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the luncheon features four acclaimed authors who speak about their work, the writing process and their inspiration. The Authors' Luncheon draws a sell-out crowd of more than 650 guests each year and is an important literary event in Northern California.

**Who:** Authors include writers of fiction, non-fiction, history, poetry and children's literature.

**2007 Authors' Luncheon Guest Authors**

**Diana Abu-Jaber  
Jon Agee  
Amy Stewart  
Richard Rhodes**

**Recent Guest Authors**

**2006**

Lynne Cox  
Marla Frazee  
Susan Straight  
Jacqueline Winspear

**2005**

Adam Hochschild  
Anne Lamott  
Elizabeth Partridge  
Lisa See

**2004**

Remy Charlip  
Karen Joy Fowler  
Daniel Handler  
Eric Hansen

**2003**

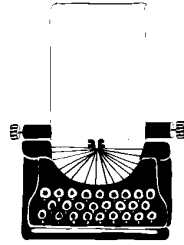
Marion Cunningham  
Laurie Kind  
Megan McDonald  
Richard Rodriguez  
Anne Ursu

**2002**

Tess Uriza Holthe  
Jim LaMarch  
Ann Packer  
Jane Smiley  
Geoff Nunberg

**2001**

Paul Ehrlich  
Oakley Hall  
Ruth Heller  
James Houston  
Lalita Tademy



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