The Unstoppable
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Unique Comedy
Storyteller
LIVING WITH USHER SYNDROME

CANE
From Enemy to Friend

Boston Gardens
Old Town Alexandria
LIVING WITH USHER SYNDROME

SSP

“TOUCH DOWN” FOR THE DEAFBLIND
HELLO DOCTOR
HELLO RESEARCHER

MY NAME IS RENE
MESSAGE TO THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY

SEE THOSE WITH USHER SYNDROME AS MORE THAN A MUTANT GENE

MY EXPERIENCE

RESULT?: DISENGAGED
WE NEED EACH OTHER

• START FROM THE CONSUMER’S PERSPECTIVE

• PARTNER WITH THOSE WITH USHER SYNDROME AND THEIR FAMILIES

• KEEP US ENGAGED THROUGH RESPECT AND REALISTIC HOPE
WE NEED EACH OTHER

RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY AND SIGNED LANGUAGES

LET US TEACH YOU WHAT WE NEED AND VALUE

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE (Hearing-ear; Deaf-eye; DeafBlind-TOUCH)
WE NEED EACH OTHER

IF THE “CURE” DOES NOT COME, WE ARE STILL HERE AND WE CAN HAVE A GOOD LIFE
REMEMBER THE “US” IN USHER SYNDROME

Each person with Usher Syndrome has the power to bring together the masses

BREAKING DOWN SILOS
WHO’S IN OUR WORLD?

• Parents and extended family
• Children and Grandchildren
• Friends and Neighbors
• Co-Workers
WHO’S IN OUR WORLD?

• Primary Care Physicians
• Audiologists
• Otolaryngologists
• Ophthalmologists
WHO’S IN OUR WORLD?

• Assistive Technology Specialists
• Orientation and Mobility
• Associations of the Deaf
• Associations of the Blind
WHO’S IN OUR WORLD

• Associations of the DeafBlind

• Interpreters

• CART Professionals (and Typewell/C-Print)

• Special Educators
WHO’S IN OUR WORLD?

• Support Service Providers (SSPs)

• Legislators

• YOU!
BREAKING DOWN THE SILOS

THANK YOU MARK DUNNING

.....THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP.....
THANK YOU!

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