EAP wants to reverse this experience and empower disabled people to be active members of their local communities. This is often accomplished through work with local programs for disabled people, such as the Lao Disabled Women's Development Centre in Vientiane, Laos. The Centre teaches vocational skills to women who have disabilities or who assist people with disabilities, and have had little or no access to education or training, and limited livelihood opportunities.

Another EAP strategy is to promote the showing of the documentary "Lives Worth Living" throughout the EAP region; the film traces the disability rights movement in the United States. Often Heumann shows the film and then answers questions from local government officials, civil society members, students and others.

Chargé d'Affaires W. Patrick Murphy greets a member of Thailand's Special Olympics Team at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Photo by Photo by Suphakorn Niamthanom*

In the Republic of Korea, the showing of the documentary and talks by the film's director, Eric Neudel, and Heumann, were part of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul's disability/inclusivity programming. Embassy leadership also participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, and in an international disability rights conference.

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