



Greetings and Happy Friday!

Friday Wheelchair Story: The Price is Right

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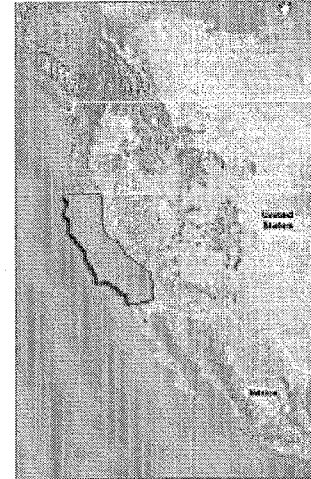
This story comes to us from our Development Manager, Alyson Roth, who attended a taping of the "Price Is Right" game show in Los Angeles this week:

On Monday, I took the day off of work to entertain out of town guests. One of the things they wanted to do while visiting was to attend a taping of the "Price Is Right" in Los Angeles. After hours of standing in line, we finally made it inside the studio and taping had begun.

I went into the taping convinced that there was no way they'd call someone to Contestant's Row in a wheelchair. After a car accident in 2000, my life dramatically changed once I realized I was now paralyzed. Jesus has done amazing things in my life since that devastating time, causing an abundance of joy and peace in my heart and desire to help others overcome barriers in their life. However, there is still a stigma in America that people with disabilities are lower class and should not be bothered with. It is a stigma I fight against every day though most don't see or know the struggle.

I have been watching the show for many years and have never seen them call someone in a wheelchair. Most people don't want to deal with the logistics and to make sure we are accommodated for, even though it may be something easy and simple. After all, I was just one person out of the crowd of 320 people that they had to worry about that day. Sadly, I feel like I miss out on a lot of opportunities because others don't want to be "bothered."

I was unbelievably shocked that I actually heard them say, "Alyson Roth, come on down! You're the next contestant on the Price Is Right!" Never in a million years would I have ever guessed they would allow me to participate in the fun along with everyone else that walked into the studio that day.



During the commercial breaks, Drew Carey asked me where I was from and what I did for a living. I told him all about Free Wheelchair Mission and how we help give wheelchairs to those in developing countries who have no other way to get around. The audience started chanting, "Give her the money!" You see, if a contestant bids the exact amount of the prize they are bidding on, they win \$500 cash in addition to winning the prize. Well, hardly anyone

gets that, so the audience was yelling for Drew to give it to me! And he did! The only thing he asked was that I give it to Free Wheelchair Mission to use to purchase wheelchairs! Thank you CBS Entertainment and the "Price Is Right" for giving the gift of mobility to 10 people around the world!

The taping of the show will air on **Monday, April 13th on CBS**. Check your local listings for times.