The contributions of the extraordinary women of the Women’s Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) not only improve the lives of women and girls with disabilities in their home countries, they also play a critical role in combating discrimination, promoting inclusion, and defending human rights the world over.”

— Hillary Rodham Clinton
67th U.S. Secretary of State

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BRILLIANT & RESILIENT
Celebrating the Power of Disabled Women Activists

The Brilliant & Resilient photo exhibit and book project highlights the achievements of disabled women activists from across the globe who are confronting discrimination and working to improve the lives of women and girls with disabilities in their communities.

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WHEN I WAS YOUNG I TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE THREE TIMES, BUT FAILED. I became the talk of my village in Kenya, a girl who’d gone deaf at eighteen and whom nobody understood, not even her family. I was considered a curse, a disabled woman and a burden to everyone in the community. I was told to stop school and take care of the cattle and do what’s called “donkey’s work.” One day I ran off to stay with my brother and his wife in Nairobi, but after three weeks I was told to leave and ended up living on the street. I did seem to be cursed until I found the Karen Technical Training Institute for the Deaf, where they taught me sign language and how to live without being able to hear...