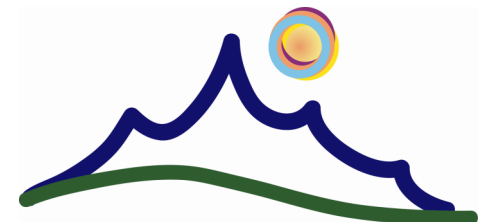




Anna Maria Weston Therapeutic Equipment Center

Wyoming Life Resource
Center

Lander, Wyoming



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Who is Anna Maria Weston?



Anna Maria Weston was a petite curly haired blonde with sparkling blue eyes and a delightful sense of humor. She was born Jan. 8, 1968 with brain damage on the left side, which meant she developed no speech. She also had a congenital dislocated hip, deformed right knee and ankle, scoliosis, mental retardation, and mild cerebral palsy.

At the age of 18, due to health issues, she moved to the Wyoming Life Resource Center (formerly Wyoming State Training School). Although disability changed how she accomplished things, it was important to continue to learn, to participate, and to enjoy her life. Because of Anna, the Weston family joined other families and advocates to demand and effect change in our state.

Anna is the "Weston" in what came to be known as the Weston Class Action lawsuit, Weston vs. the State of Wyoming. Before this happened, many of the services and opportunities we now sometimes take for granted simply did not exist. Many challenges were overcome to meet the needs of the people living at WLRC. This is especially true of the Therapeutic Equipment area which evaluates, designs and fabricates adaptive equipment for the individuals at WLRC.

Anna Maria died in 1998. Her family established the Anna Maria Weston Memorial Fund and Lending Library in her memory.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Weston for caring about all citizens around the state of Wyoming in establishing this memorial fund and assistive technology lending library.

For further information, please contact the Anna Maria Weston Therapeutic Equipment Center at 1-800-294-1888 ext. 6884.

We need you...

- I have equipment to donate.
- I would like to donate to the Memorial Fund.
- I would like more information about the Center.
- Please schedule a presentation for my club or organization.
- My tax deductible donation of \$ _____ is enclosed. Please send me a receipt.
- Please contact me about borrowing equipment.

Please make checks payable to the Anna Maria Weston TE Center. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Denise Foss, OTR/L, at 1-800-294-1888 ext. 6884, or 1-307-335-6884, or email denise.foss@wyo.gov.

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A lending library of therapeutic equipment has been established at the Wyoming Life Resource Center in Lander, in the memory of Anna Maria Weston.

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From around the state, many pieces of have been donated. Because of this, others can have access to equipment without the burden and expense of a purchase.

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Donations of equipment that is no longer being used can be made to the lending library.

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Monetary donations can be made to the Anna Maria Weston Memorial Fund to support the lending library.

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For more information contact:

Denise Foss

1-800-294-1888 ext. 6884

or

Sue Ransom

1-800-294-1888 ext. 6881

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What is Assistive Technology?

Adaptive equipment is any item, product, or piece of equipment that can be used by persons with disabilities to maintain or improve their abilities.

The device can be as simple as a modified spoon or as complex as a voice-activated computer system.

Some other items that may be available through or donated to the center are: wheelchairs, augmentative communication, positioning, bathing/toileting, standing/ambulation devices, adapted toys or accessible vans, etc.

Who Can Participate?

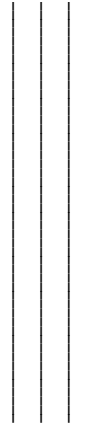
Any citizen of Wyoming can borrow or donate items.

Things You Should Know

We do ask that a therapist call the center to assure the equipment being requested is appropriate for the individual, and that they will assure its fit and proper use when received. When the equipment is no longer needed, it is returned to the Anna Maria Weston TE Center in good condition so it can be used by others.

What Can You Do?

You can help by donating equipment, or making a tax deductible contribution to the Anna Maria Weston Memorial Fund. You or your group/organization can make the Center a project. You can assist in getting the word out about the Center and help get the equipment to and from the center.



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