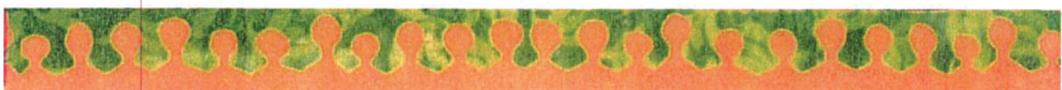
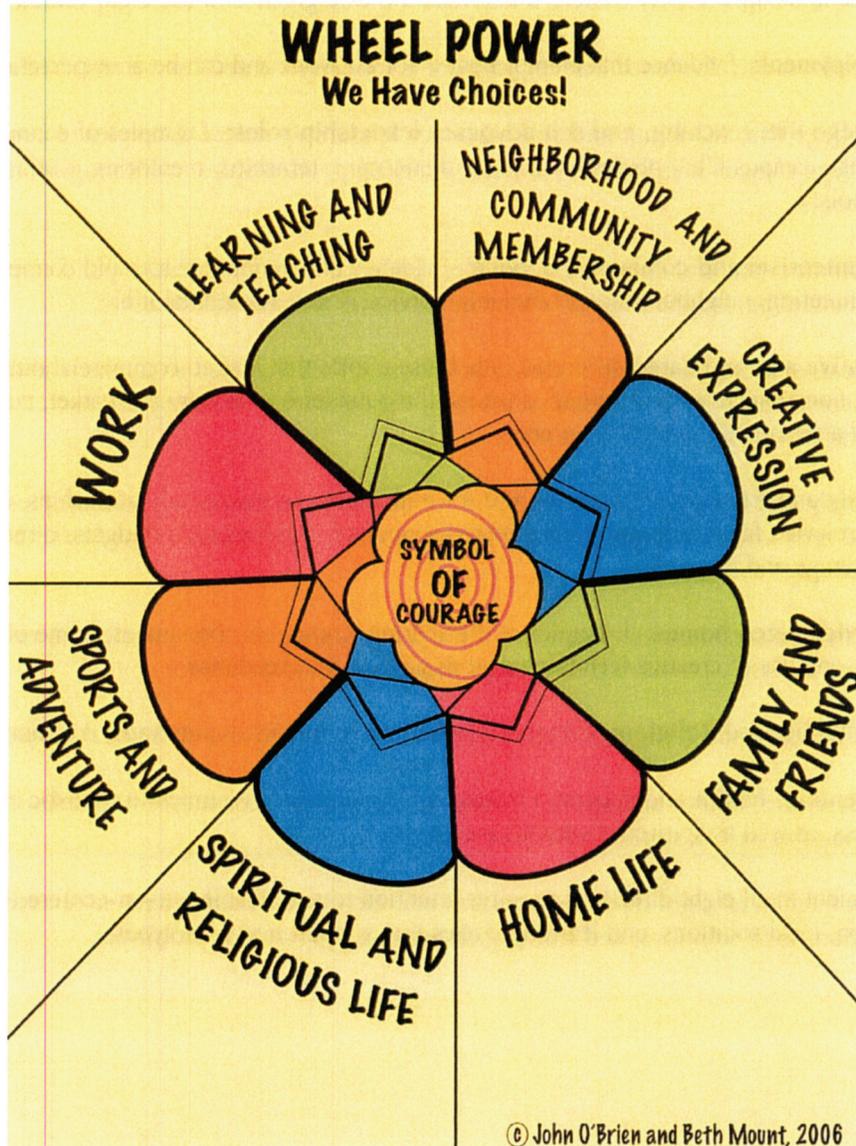




Individual stories of person centered change are frequently told and retold at every level of the organizations that nurtured them as a way to express values and teach good practice. We will continue to reference these powerful personal stories and collect others throughout the NYSACRA institute.



## Examples of Excellence in Prototype Development that Supports One if not all Eight of the Valued Social Roles

Lives of Distinction result in community inclusion for people with disabilities in one if not all of the **Eight Valued Roles** of citizenship. With good support every person can live a life of distinction that is a creative expression of personal gifts, contribution to community life, and personal and family life style choices that reflect the emergence of these eight valued roles:

1. **Employment:** Evidence that employment is for everyone and can be an expectation for all.
2. **College life, teaching, and self advocacy leadership roles:** Examples of connections to college campus life, Speaker's Bureau, Americorp, internships, mentoring, working in schools.
3. **Volunteerism and community service:** Evidence of commitment to build connections to volunteering, neighborhoods, community service, and associational life.
4. **Creative arts and careers:** particularly those efforts that lead to commercial outlets such as connections to local business, art fairs, the outsider or visionary art market, auctions, local artists, and the local art scene.
5. **Family and friends:** Creative support for building and deepening relationships. Intensive and relevant family support. Self-directed supports: individualized budgets, direct hiring, brokerage and support.
6. **Individualized homes:** Examples of life sharing, choices of roommates, home of your own, and use of creative technologies that support independence.
7. **Spirituality and Religion:** Creative connections to faith and intentional communities.
8. **Adventure, health and sports:** Evidence of significant commitment to holistic health and fitness, as well as spirited adventure and travel.

Development in all eight directions requires attention to sustainable person-centered planning, innovation, local solutions, and learning circles that support new prototypes.