

## EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMS CHANGE

# Curb-Cut Effects

### Summary:

Simply put, a curb cut is the sloping portion of a sidewalk which provides an easy access ramp from the street to the sidewalk for people with disabilities. In the early 1970s, a movement was set in motion to push for this kind of access that seems so common today. Angela Glover Blackwell coined the term *Curb-Cut Effect* to identify laws and programs designed to benefit vulnerable groups, such as people with disabilities or people of color, which often end up benefiting all of society.

### Who Benefits:

- People in Wheelchairs
- Parents Pushing Strollers
- Workers Moving Heavy Carts
- Travelers Wheeling Luggage
- Runners
- Skateboarders
- And More \*

*\* A study of pedestrian behavior at a Sarasota, Fla., shopping mall revealed that nine out of 10 "unencumbered pedestrians" go out of their way to use a curb cut.*

### Timeline:

