

The Museum of disABILITY History Presents

The Lives They Left Behind

SUITCASES FROM A STATE HOSPITAL ATTIC

A New Home for “The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic”

Grand Opening • Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 11 a.m.

Museum of disABILITY History, 3826 Main Street, Buffalo, NY

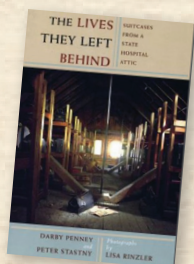
When Willard Psychiatric Center in New York’s Finger Lakes closed in 1995, workers discovered hundreds of suitcases in the attic of an abandoned building. Since their discovery, an incredible exhibit was created that showcases the moving stories behind these suitcases. We’re proud to announce that “The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic” exhibit has found a home at the Museum of disABILITY History. The goal of the exhibit is to bring the stories of the suitcase owners and a patient-centered view of the history of psychiatry to a wider audience. A suitcase and its contents, once belonging to a man named Mr. Lawrence Mocha, will be displayed as part of the exhibit, thanks to support of his family and the New York State Museum.

Speaker: Max Donatelli, chairperson of the Erie County Anti-Stigma Coalition: Max is a family advocate for people with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. He will speak about the stigma surrounding mental health. Attendees are encouraged to join the conversation during a question and answer session.

For more information or to register, contact David Mack-Hardiman at dmack@people-inc.org or call 716.629.3606. Refreshments provided. Reservations for the event are required.

Book available at Museum Store

The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic, was curated by Darby Penney and Peter Stastny for the Community Consortium. Copies of their compelling book, by the same name, will be available for purchase.



Adults: **\$10** | Seniors (60+) **\$6** | Children under 6: **Free**
Students and human service employees with ID: **\$6**
Members of the Museum of disABILITY History: **Free**



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The exhibit was created by The Community Consortium, an organization that works to promote the full citizenship and civil rights of people with psychiatric disabilities.

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