

# PHI Launches Polio Place - [www.polioplace.org](http://www.polioplace.org)

**P**olio Place, a dynamic internet repository for medical and practical information, historical records and artifacts is now available to the post-polio community around the world. Polio Place ([www.polioplace.org](http://www.polioplace.org)) looks at the past – not only the history of the disease, but also the stories of its survivors. It examines the present from the perspective of people around the world who are living with polio and post-polio syndrome today.

“We see Polio Place as an extension of our mission to enhance the lives and independence of polio survivors through education, advocacy, research and networking,” said PHI Executive Director Joan L. Headley.

PHI developed the Polio Place website, which is sponsored through the generous support of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation. The website went live on January 30, the 129th anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s birth.

“Right now, survivors are living with the effects of poliomyelitis in such diverse places as Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ireland and the United States, and they are creating their individual narratives every day,” Headley said.



## HERE’S HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

**Polio survivors** – Have you devised a unique way of doing something to increase your independence? Have you created a simple device to assist you? Can you write an essay on *Living with Polio*? *Contact* us. Do you have a photograph, letter, newspaper article, etc., that tells your polio story? Please visit the *Artifacts* area of the website, and submit it.

**Health Professionals and Researchers** – Are there *Medical Articles* you would recommend or articles you judge to be classic, seminal, excellent overviews or longitudinal studies? Click on *Contact* and let us know.

**Historians and Authors** – Do you have suggestions for additional *Collections* of historical material or recommendations for additions to the *People* section? Have you written a book that should be included? *Contact* us.

“We are committed to reaching out to polio survivors and their families, health professionals and policymakers, particularly in countries where living independently and successfully as a polio survivor is not a priority.”

Headley said PHI invites survivors and health professionals worldwide to explore this storehouse of information. “We want to hear about your needs, your concerns and your successes.

“We are thrilled to be able to add this unique resource to our other trusted sources of online information – [www.post-polio.org](http://www.post-polio.org), Post-Polio Health International’s website, and [www.ventusers.org](http://www.ventusers.org), International Ventilator Users Network, the gateway for ventilator users, health professionals and equipment manufacturers to access comprehensive information and knowledgeable people,” Headley said. ▲

