

## UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES

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# Successful People with Disabilities #3

Franklin Roosevelt

Heather Whitestone

Mike Utley

Marla Runyan

Christopher Reeve

**Who is it? Read the description of the person below and write in the correct name from above.**

1. He was the actor who played *Superman*. Falling off a horse left the actor paralyzed. He formed a foundation dedicated to increasing public awareness about spinal cord injury and to raising money for research for a cure.

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2. In 1982, he was elected as the governor of New York. He became the 32<sup>nd</sup> president of the United States in 1932. He contracted polio which left him unable to walk. He established a foundation at Warm Springs, Georgia to help other people who had polio, and he directed the March of Dimes program that eventually funded an effective vaccine.

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3. This runner has been diagnosed with Stargardt's disease. This is a condition that caused her eyesight to deteriorate. In Sydney, she became the first legally blind athlete to compete in an Olympics.

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4. He was a football player who during the Rams game in November 1991 fractured his 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> cervical vertebrae and became paralyzed. He founded a Foundation in 1991 dedicated to supporting research to cure paralysis and to help all people with spinal cord injuries.

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5. She was Miss America for 1995. She was the first person with a disability ever to be selected as Miss America. She had been deaf since the age of 18 months. She has also authored a book entitled, *Listening with My Heart*. She is now married and has two children.

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