

## **Author Biography—Sam Durbin**

Once homeless and alone, author Sam Durbin managed to find a lifeline of support and acceptance at Integrity House, a program for people with disabilities in Santa Ana, California. He served on the board of directors of Regional Center of Orange County for six years, and currently serves on the Consumer Advisory Committee for the Department of Developmental Services in Sacramento. Sam is a public speaker and powerful advocate for people with disabilities and has championed self-determination throughout California and the United States. Sam currently lives in Costa Mesa, California with Tashie, his beloved Husky.