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INTEGRATION, EQUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Advocacy Does Lead to Change

by Brenda Dare

If you read our newsletter regularly, you know that advocacy is the foundation of our Center for Independent Living. Maybe you don't think you have what it takes to join us in advocating... *but you do!* Whether it is writing letters, making phone calls, preparing social media posts, visiting legislators, or hitting the streets: *everyone* can advocate.

Advocacy gets results. Just recently, advocacy has affected several issues that probably impact you every day. Below are some examples of how advocacy (including by some of our members!) had powerful results.

When Pennsylvania transitioned to a managed-care model for home and community-based services starting in 2018, advocates made sure that people were educated about their choices and appeal rights.

Late last year, the work of advocates across the state kept medical assistance transportation from changing to a brokerage system. The brokerage system had the potential to drastically impact *all* transportation for *all* people with disabilities.

Just last week, visits to state senators by people with disabilities changed nine votes on PA Senate Bill 906. This bill aims to keep two Pennsylvania State institutions (Polk and Whitehaven) open. These institutions segregate hundreds of people who deserve the chance to live free in the community. Advocates convinced enough Senators to change their "yes" votes to "no" votes, so that the Governor can veto the bill, and the institutions will be ordered to close their doors and move residents into the community. On January 27, 2020, we received notification that the advocacy effort was successful and Governor Wolf plans to veto Senate Bill 906!

Advocacy does leads to change. We need you to ***join us!***

Call 724.223.5115 to get involved today!

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Day	Time	Event/Activity
Monday February 10	1:00–3:30	Pizza & Movie Monday <i>Selma: Based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches led by James Bevel, Hosea Williams, Martin Luther King Jr., and John Lewis.</i>
Wednesday February 19	1:00–3:00	Voting 101 <i>Learn all about the voting process!</i>
Monday February 24	1:00–3:30	Pizza & Movie Monday <i>Fundamentals of Caring: A coming of age story when a young man and his caregiver go on a road trip. (comedy)</i>
Tuesday February 25	11:00-3:30	Carnegie Science Center <i>Special Exhibit: Mummies of the World!</i> <i>The bus will leave TRPIL at 10:30 am.</i>

RSVP for all events at least one week in advance!

As always, members can come in for Wii Wednesday (enjoy virtual bowling, golf, tennis, and more!) and Internet Café Training.

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Have an Idea for Our Calendar?

Become a member (or renew your membership) by contacting **Matt Taylor** at mtaylor@trpil.com, or call **724.223.5115, ext 1385**.

