

# Citizen Advocacy was made for times like these...

When the original principles for Citizen Advocacy were developed, no one was preparing for, or even considering, a global pandemic. However, the issues these principles were designed to address — isolation, distancing, economic instability, feeling and becoming powerless — are just some of the barriers that people with disabilities have unjustly faced for decades. Citizen Advocacy was founded on the belief that a committed personal relationship was a transformative way to face and overcome these threats.

We have seen over the past few weeks and months just how powerful and effective relationships can be in meeting these threats, even as they are magnified many times by the advent of the pandemic. Advocates remain committed to ensuring that their partners have stayed connected, protected and safe. Advocates have had to be innovative as they continue to find ways to be lifelines for their partners in a variety of situations, while also maintaining a safe physical distance.



Michelle and Johanna stay connected through Zoom calls!

Citizen Advocates are:

- Making sure partners are getting food and important mail
- Making sure their partners are getting the proper care in nursing home facilities
- Calling their partners' social workers & caregivers regularly if their partners don't use words to communicate
- Sending their partners cards, letters and packages
- Making sure their partners have somebody to talk to over the phone during this time of lonely isolation
- FaceTiming/Zooming with their partners (one advocate is FaceTiming his partner every day!)
- Delivering take-out and other fun foods (one advocate even delivered a celebratory birthday cake!)

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# Letter from the President...

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters,

Unprecedented times. All in this together. Uncertainty. Pivoting. Anxious. New normal.

These are just a few words and phrases that now define our lives. Over the last several weeks and months we as a nation and globe have been challenged to our core. We have

witnessed unfathomable loss and heartache, and simultaneously the resilience and generosity of so many.

We hear so often about the feelings of fear, loneliness and isolation that this experience has created across all populations. But as we also have heard, no population is more at risk of these hardships than vulnerable people with disabilities. Enter Citizen Advocacy. With our dedicated staff, and many willing and creative Advocates, these potentially life-threatening stressors have been mitigated for their Partners. From a simple phone call or text to a video check in, this outreach is a lifeline that cannot be matched.

As we look to the future, we must first look to the past year with gratitude and accomplishment. We had started planning a festive celebration to commemorate 40 years of the Citizen Advocacy mission and work. We are now forced to take one day at a time, and to realize now more than ever, the critical role Citizen Advocacy plays in continuing to defy the odds for so many.

With deep thanks and gratitude for your continued support and belief in this work.

# Rebecca H Bradber

Rebecca Bradbeer, President of the Board

#### **Our Mission:**

To initiate and support a variety of intentional relationships that provide advocacy for opportunity, protection from harm, sponsorship into community life, friendship, and justice for isolated people living with a disability.

#### **Our Vision:**

A world in which each life is valued, protected and celebrated for its uniqueness, through a vested relationship.





# **33rd Annual Phoenixville Run**

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#### Thank you!

The work addressed in this report would not be possible without all of your steadfast and generous support. 2019 was an exciting year for Citizen Advocacy. We celebrated yet another successful Play With A Purpose, Spaghetti Dinner, and Phoenixville Run. We initiated 10 new matches and celebrated the anniversaries of over 35 existing relationships. 2020 was scheduled to be our 40th Anniversary, and although the spirit of celebration is still alive and well, the year itself is looking different than anyone could have imagined. As we look forward to the next 40 years, we can only continue to be grateful for your support and committed to making our community a better place for all.

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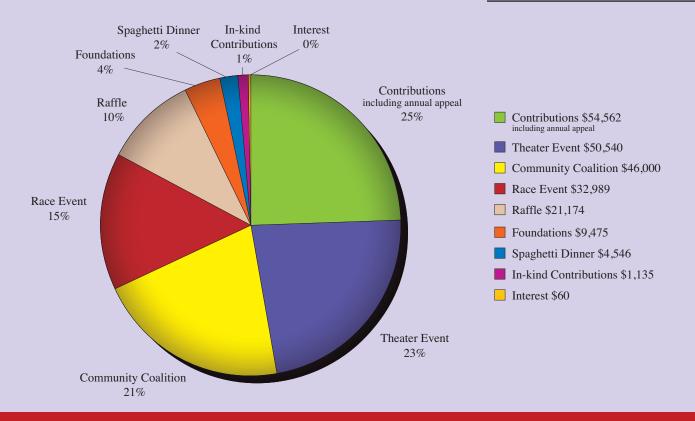
Celebrate Citizen Advocacy by buying yourselves a pasta dinner from one of many participating restaurants!

More Info to Come! 610.933.1299

### **2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### Statements of Support, Revenue and Expenses

	Year Ended September 30	
	2019	2018
	(Audited)	(Audited)
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT FOR 2019</b>		
Community Coalition	\$46,000	50,000
Contributions from Fundraising & Special Events	109,249	92,503
Foundation Awards	9,475	12,040
Contributions including Annual Appeal	54,562	41,690
In-Kind Contributions	1,135	1,553
Interest	60	68
TOTAL	220,481	197,854
<b>EXPENSES</b> (unrestricted)		
Program Services	178,394	156,076
Management & Supporting Services	9,329	8,047
Fundraising	24,838	23,059
TOTAL EXPENSES	212,561	187,182
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7,920	\$10,672
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$77,947	\$67,275
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$85,867	\$77,947



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# Citizen Advocacy's Rafile Extravaganza!

**First Prize**: A week for six in the heart of Provence, France For Spring or Fall 2021



Enjoy a week for six people in beautiful St. Remy de Provence in this recently renovated, air conditioned, three-bedroom villa. The gated villa has an inviting garden, pool and two outdoor eating areas in front of a fountain and under a fragrant trellis of jasmine. Located just one mile from the center of town, the villa offers a variety of entertainment possibilities.

St. Remy is a chic, magical town with fantastic restaurants, antique stores, sporting activities and weekly food and antique markets. Available January - April and October - December 2021 at a mutually chosen date.

#### 1st Prize also includes \$2,000 in cash for travel expenses. 10 fabulous prizes in all and only 200 tickets will be sold! Tickets are \$100 each.

Second Prize: Limo ride and dinner for two at a five-star restaurant in NYC.

Third Prize: Limo ride and dinner for two at one of Philadelphia's top restaurants.

Plus additional exciting prizes for the seven other finalists!

On October 24, 2020, ten finalists will be drawn, who will enjoy a private cocktail party in December when the winner will be chosen. You need not be present at either drawing to win.

Reservations must be made at a mutually convenient time with the owners between January - April or October - December 2021. Trip does not include airfare or ground transportation.			
A copy of the official registration and financial information of Citizen Advocacy of Chester County, Inc., may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within PA 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.			
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Call 610.933.1299 for information or additional tickets.			

THIS YEAR'S

"A Play with a Purpose" has been reimagined!

Join Us on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

anywhere on your desktop, laptop or device

Enjoy a film festival on "The Power of Unexpected Relationships"

a discussion with the producer of the film "The Peanut Butter Falcon"

## games, prizes, and silent & live auctions!

For tickets & more info visit citizenadvocacycc.org or our Facebook page or request an invite info@citizenadvocacycc.org



# Mark your calendars now!

In Person or Virtual, with lots of fun variations – we'll keep you posted!

PhoenixvilleRun.com for more info!