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## **Annual Report 2023**

# Celebrating 44 Years of Life-Changing Citizen Advocacy Matches...

In 44 years, more than 300 Citizen Advocacy matches between people with intellectual disabilities (partners) and unpaid volunteers (advocates) have been made in the Phoenixville area. Currently, we support 63 long-term, life-changing matches!

Citizen Advocacy is a relationship-based form of protection and advocacy for people with disabilities, who are seriously physically or emotionally isolated and at risk. Advocates strive to define situations from the perspective of their partner and act to influence situations involving their partner in terms of their partner's perspective. Advocates form close friendships with their partners; take on many different roles and often involve their family and friends. Each one of these matches is unique. Although it is impossible to convey in words the magnitude of these relationships, we hope this snapshot of a 13-year-old Citizen Advocacy match will give you a glimpse into the power of Citizen Advocacy.

Maureen & Margaret were matched in 2011. When Margaret was 9, her parents "put her away" at Pennhurst State Institution and Hospital. She lived there until she was in her 30s when Pennhurst and other state institutions were closed due to overcrowding, lack of funds, abuse and neglect. For years, Margaret was proud to live independently in Royersford. But she was starting to experience some health concerns and housing issues. In her 60s, Margaret decided that she would like an advocate, so we introduced her to Maureen. Maureen recently asked Margaret what

their relationship means to her:

Margaret: "Oh I love it! I love it very much!"

Maureen: "Why?"

Margaret: "Because you're well respected, and you're a

wonderful woman!"

Maureen: "Do you remember when we met?"

Margaret: "I've had you for 13 years! It's been wonderful!

I wouldn't trade you for the world!"

Maureen: "I wouldn't trade you trade you either, Margaret!"
Over the years, Maureen has gotten to know Margaret very well.
Maureen's circle of family and friends has embraced her. When
assisting Margaret with meeting challenges, she takes Margaret's
lead. This is what Maureen wrote:

"Initially I was hesitant to become an advocate, but I am so glad that I did! Helping Margaret work through day-to-day life issues has been challenging and rewarding for both of us. She has her own ideas about how things should work. At first, for a couple of years, Margaret and I spent a lot of time going to the dentist.

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Advisory Council Jeremy Baron (Continued from the cover) Phones have always been a challenge. Margaret will tell you she has had at least 20 phones in the last 13 years. It's not that many but I secured at least 9 or 10 phone plans. She's had the last one for close to a year now. So, finally success! The last few years, Margaret has been having some issues with her affordable housing situation. Navigating grouchy neighbors and a not-so-helpful management company has been challenging for both me and Margaret. After a few falls earlier this year, Margaret has entered a new stage of learning what her new limitations are - how to use assistive devices and to live safely in her new apartment."

# **Letter from the President...**

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Thanks to your generous participation in the work of Citizen Advocacy, we have much to celebrate this year! Every contribution you make—from committee work and generous donations (both monetary and in-kind), to volunteering your time and expertise, attending our events, helping with mailings, buying raffle tickets, and spreading the word about our mission—is essential to the success of Citizen Advocacy. We cannot thank you enough!



As many of you know, in 2020, Citizen Advocacy launched a 40th anniversary campaign to raise \$240,000 over three years to secure our future and expand our staff. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we surpassed our goal and raised over \$260,000, allowing us to increase our staff. As a result, from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023, we achieved a 133% increase in Citizen Advocacy matches!

The funds from the campaign allowed us to grow our staff and mission. However, these funds are finite. Our exciting growth brings larger budgets and higher fundraising goals. We have added new funding sources, such as a sustaining donor program, and are seeking new grants to support our expanded program. There is much to celebrate and much work to do to sustain our momentum and continue making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community who are vulnerable due to society's response to their disability.

Thank you for continuing to participate in this work with your time and resources. We truly cannot do this work without you, our wonderful community!

At the end of September 2024, I will have served as the Board President for three years, overseeing a successful executive director succession plan and staff expansion. Please join me in welcoming Kerry Cook as our new Board President, as I pass the baton to her!

Additionally, please welcome Trevor Squires as our newest Board member and join me in congratulating Mary Foote on her remarkable decades-long tenure on the board. After more than 20 years, Mary will be stepping down. We are deeply grateful for the invaluable wisdom, hard work, and insight Mary has given to Citizen Advocacy as a former employee, a current advocate, and a board member. While she will continue to stay connected, we want to mark this extraordinary milestone.

With my heartfelt gratitude for your devotion to this work,

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#### **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.

Staff: Debbie Breisblatt, Christine Brown, Marnie Daniel, Alicia DeMont







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Save the date for the 38th
Phoenixville Run 2024
Virtual & In Person on
October 26th!
Scan the QR code above
for more details!

Thank you to all of our marshals who helped direct the runners and keep them safe!

It was a beautiful day for a race! Congratulations to all of the runners, and see you next year!





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Citizen Advocacy staff past and present at the 37th Annual Phoenixville Run: Debbie Breisblatt, Alicia DeMont, Christine Brown, Moira Mumma & Marnie Daniel. We welcomed Debbie as our new Administrative Coordinator in 2023.

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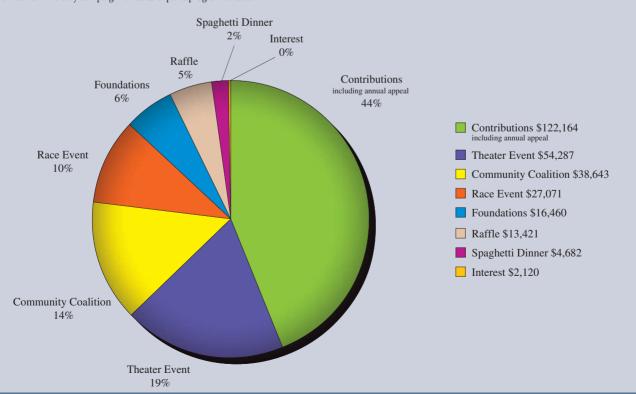
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### **2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses

	Year Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
	(Audited)	(Audited)
REVENUE AND SUPPORT FOR 2023		
Community Coalition	\$38,643	\$44,755
Contributions from Fundraising & Special Events	\$99,461	\$93,642
Foundation Awards	\$16,460	\$6,200
Contributions including Annual Appeal	\$113,980	\$61,672
40th Anniversary Campaign	0	\$24,557
PPP Loan Forgiveness	0	\$21,488
Interest	\$2,120	\$492
TOTAL REVENUE	\$278,848	\$252,806
EXPENSES (unrestricted)		
Program Expenses	\$275,628	\$222,083
Supporting Services — Management	\$14,708	\$11,788
Supporting Services — Fundraising	\$33,883	\$29,865
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$324,219	\$263,736
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$45,371*)	(\$10,930)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$327,047	\$337,977
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$281,676	\$327,047

<sup>\*</sup>Planned use of 40th anniversary campaign funds to expand program and staff.



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Tickets will also be available at the door

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Having steady, predictable income is critically important for us to be able to continue our work in the community.

Monthly donations of any amount are far-reaching and make a significant impact as they provide us with income that we can count on outside of our fundraising events.



Thank you for your support!