MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

DEAR FRIENDS,

2020 is a big year for Atlantis and the disability community. We’re turning 45 (which means our best years are yet to come) and the Americans with Disabilities Act is turning 30! In July, we will host our 1st annual InPower Youth Summit designed to engage youth as they prepare to lead our community into the future. We’re incredibly excited to announce that this summer we are moving into our new office space with a fully accessible disability rights history museum.

This year we are concentrating on two strategic goals. One goal is to increase access to youth services. These young adults are the next leaders in our community, and we want to guide them as they take on this awesome role. We are identifying gaps in our youth programming and exploring ways to fill these gaps. The second goal is intentionally creating services and spaces that are inclusive and safe for all members of our community. The Atlantis community needs representation from all people with disabilities in order to be successful now and in the future. The work toward these goals is long-term and we are committed to doing the hard work as we aim for sustained excellence.

As we entered 2019, it was with renewed focus on our roots. We started as a disability rights organization moving people out of institutions and helping them get the supports they needed to live in the community. We started as a community determined to have equal access to transportation. We started as activists forming ADAPT and demanded protection of our civil rights. We embrace the advocacy accomplishments of our past as we move full steam ahead into 2020!

Sincerely,

CANDIE BURNHAM    SHANNON SECREST

Executive Director    Board Chair
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Our new building will be finished by mid-2020! We could not be more excited to provide a brand-new community space for our consumers and staff, as well as become neighbors to residents in the adjacent apartments owned by the Atlantis Community Foundation.

**Google**

Atlantis was fortunate to host a team of Google staff interested in making their products more accessible for all. The team visited Atlantis to learn about our history and our ongoing mission.

**Systems Advocacy**

As a key part of Atlantis’ work, we advocated for equitable access to education for all students regardless of severity of disability. We also advocated for more rights for Denver’s population of people experiencing homelessness, consumer-oriented IL Skills Training rules, and legislation on transitioning people back into the community. ACI’s staff participated as essential members of the Denver Commission for People with Disabilities. ACI also provided information about the recommended time frame to notify someone of lease violations.
Atlantis conducted workshops on Medicaid Buy-In and other important work benefits. We provided insight on accessibility issues regarding the River Mile development plans and public transportation construction. We continue to provide weekly tours for organizations, including RTD, on the history of the disability rights movement to reduce stigmatization, share disability pride, and propel progressive policy changes.

Youth Transition program provided essential education and training on relationship health, sexual health, vocational planning, and disability rights history and disability pride. We developed key relationships with Denver Public Schools, Youth on Record, and other youth-serving agencies to offer a wider array of services to youth with disabilities. Atlantis provided individualized youth services to consumers and created new curricula for education organizations.
INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

A CONSUMER HAD GOALS TO RESOLVE

A tax issue and to find a part-time job. His IL Specialist worked with him for over a year and helped him achieve both goals. Atlantis referred him to a free taxpayer advocacy service where he was able to sort out his tax predicament. Atlantis also helped him secure a part-time job he’s truly enjoying after months of encouragement, support, and referrals.

A CONSUMER WAS HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY ADAPTING

to her low vision disability, not knowing where to turn for help. Through working one-on-one with her IL Specialist, the consumer was able to achieve three of her goals. Atlantis connected her to mobility training to more easily navigate her way around town. Atlantis also helped her gain assistive technology skills through the personal adjustment training program with the Denver DVR office. ACI staff also helped her get a new laptop with enhanced accessibility features.

A YOUNG ADULT CONSUMER WITH

a developmental disability had recently lost his mom and did not have a plan for his future. His father brought him to Atlantis and desperately needed help to plan with his son for the future and obtain essential resources. Working alongside his IL Specialist, the consumer has been able to obtain Social Security benefits, Medicaid, transportation, and is moving closer to his vocational and health goals. The consumer’s father is thrilled with his son’s progress and has thanked Atlantis for the compassion and expertise shown from staff.
A CONSUMER SUFFERED A STROKE

and his abilities and life drastically changed. The Mobile Unit connected with him and helped him find a representative payee. The representative payee was able to give him access to his financial resources again so that he can live more independently. He is now adapting to his disabilities with greater financial independence and control over his daily decisions.

IN JUNE, ATLANTIS

helped fifty-seven consumers apply for the Aurora Housing Authority waiting list. In September, we helped over eighty consumers apply to the Denver Housing Authority waiting list.

THE MOBILE UNIT ASSISTED A CONSUMER

in finding and securing a one-bedroom apartment with his housing voucher. As part of his IL Plan, the Mobile Unit also advocated on his behalf regarding legal custody of his daughter. Atlantis then helped him use his voucher to find a two-bedroom apartment to be able to now house both himself and his daughter.
WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

- Development: 4%
- Operations: 21%
- Programs: 75%

BUDGET
$1,524,439.48
FINANCIALS

FUNDING

- Contributions: 5%
- Housing: 11%
- IL Program: 84%
THANK YOU

OUR 2019 SUPPORTERS

ADAPT - Montana
ADAPT - St. Louis
Aileen Waski
Bonnie Silva
Britt Olinder-Stevens
Carol Meredith
Dale Coski
Dominick Rivera
Elisabeth Epps
Jed Ziegenhagen
Jim Sack
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Jon Albert
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Richard Holicky
Sarah Pitts
Scott Imhoff
Seth Weshnak
Shannon Secrest
Steven Heiss
William Wood

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WE'RE MOVING... SOON!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN 2020