



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Leadership that makes the most of all of our abilities

United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania is committed to connecting people with disabilities to opportunities for employment and social connection.



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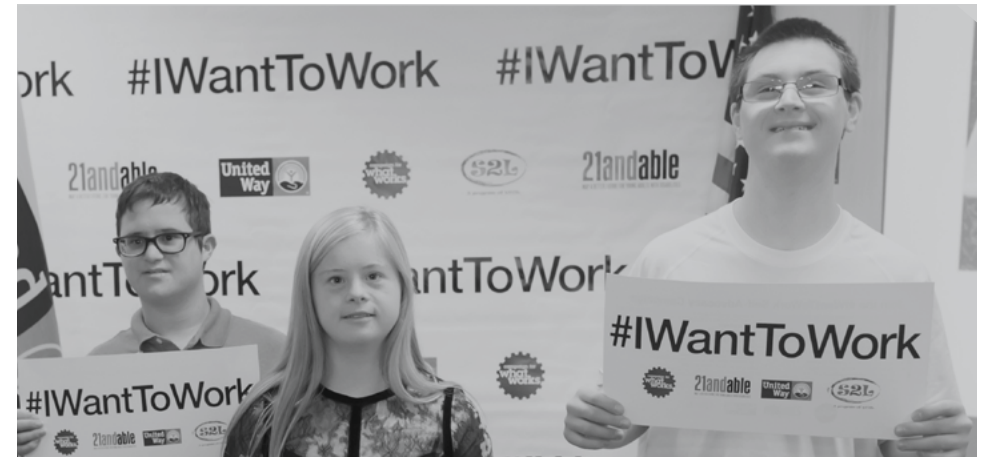


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UNITED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania invests in programs and initiatives that help people with disabilities achieve greater independence and social connection.



THE NEED IS GREAT.

- The unemployment rate for people with disabilities is **double** that of the general population.
- People with disabilities struggle to make ends meet at **more than twice** the rate of people without disabilities.
- **Three out of four** older adults with disabilities live with their families, and 25% of family caregivers are 60 years or older.
- People with disabilities and their families are **more likely** to experience food insecurity, inability to pay for housing costs, and lack of health care access than people without disabilities at the same income levels.

WHEN YOU SUPPORT UNITED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, YOUR DONATION WILL SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS BY:

- **Helping people with disabilities** obtain and retain competitive employment.
- **Making homes safer** and more accessible for people with disabilities.
- **Providing in-home support** so people with severe disabilities can avoid homelessness or institutionalization.
- **Connecting Veterans** with disabilities to the benefits they have earned as well as housing and employment.

UNITED WAY INITIATIVES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

- **21 and Able**, an initiative convened by United Way, creates a roadmap that helps young adults understand and access support services to transition to adulthood by:
 - Creating meaningful opportunities for education, job skills development, employment, and job retention.
 - Engaging partners in the private and public sectors.
 - Promoting public policy change.
- **Disability Inclusion Consortium** is an employment initiative comprised of more than 40 employers who meet to discuss best practices, challenges and opportunities regarding hiring people with disabilities.

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT.

- In the past year nearly 1,000 people with disabilities were hired by employers participating in the **Disability Inclusion Consortium**.
- Since its inception, 3,000 people with disabilities have gained employment through the **Career Transition Project**.
- In the last year, 137 people with disabilities were able to live in their homes due to support with maintaining safe and accessible housing.