# FOCUS AREA: People With Disabilities



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

# 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.

## When you support United For People With Disabilities, your donation:

- Helps people with disabilities obtain and retain competitive employment.
- · Makes homes safer and more accessible for people with disabilities.
- **Provides in-home support** so people with severe disabilities can avoid homelessness or institutionalization.
- **Connects 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 is an initiative convened by United Way, which helps the transition to adulthood. This includes creating meaningful education and employment opportunities as well as promoting changes to public policy.
- **Disability Inclusion Consortium** is an employment initiative comprised of more than 40 employers who meet to discuss best practices, challenges and opportunties 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 disablities have gained employement through the **Career Transition Project**.
- In the last year, 137 people with disabliities were able to live independently due to support for safe and accessible housing.

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