

# IMPACT ADVOCATE

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## ADVOCACY AT ITS BEST - PA PROGRAM RESTORED

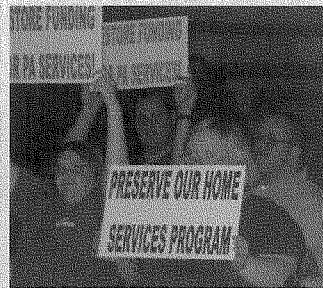
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In late August we learned that the Governor had eliminated the Personal Assistant (PA) Contracts, which allows Centers for Independent Living (CIL's) statewide to screen and train Personal Assistants, maintain a list of trained PA's and to provide PA management training to people with disabilities.

Thanks to the hard work and advocacy efforts of staff, people with disabilities and PA's, the PA Program was restored to all of the CIL's at an 80% level. We would like to

thank everyone for their support and advocacy.



**Rally at the Capitol in Springfield to restore the PA Program.**

These efforts demonstrated the importance of advocacy in the Independent Living Movement. We must celebrate our successes, but we must not forget how essential advocacy is to the survival of our Movement. It is more

important now more than ever, in these tough economic times, that we as people with disabilities band together and advocate. Advocacy can move mountains. We must become active advocates in our own communities and let our issues be known to the leaders in our communities (government officials, legislators). This is the only way change will happen.

If you are interested in learning and becoming more involved with the advocacy issues in our community, please call IMPACT and ask for Missy.

## IMPACT'S 5TH ANNUAL AUCTION / LUNCHEON



**Jeannette Small, IMPACT's Board President and Cathy Contarino, IMPACT's Executive Director greeting guests.**

On Wednesday, August 26th, IMPACT held it's 5th Annual Auction/Luncheon. The theme was "Planting the Seeds of Independence." Approximately 60 tickets were sold. This event was a success, raising over \$5,300!

Thank you to the many individuals and businesses that made donations to support our fundraising efforts!

## ANNUAL REPORT

IMPACT CIL had a great year providing services to our consumers and also to our community despite our many obstacles this year and the threat of losing programs and funding. As a Center for

Independent Living we continue to persevere when times are rough. Here you will find this year's service numbers and thank you for your support.

# of Consumers Served	455
# of Services Provided	3,926

## NEW ITAP REPRESENTATIVE

Angela Botz, Independent Living Specialist for Deaf Services here at IMPACT CIL, has been selected to serve as the new District 5 Representative to the Illinois Telecommunications Access Program (ITAP) Advisory Council.

District 5 consists of the following counties:

Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline,

St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

ITAP is an advisory council , along with a liaison from the Illinois Commerce Commission, to provide feedback to the ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) Board. As a representative for your district, you may contact Angela at 618-208-1146 (VP) or botz@impactcil.org with any questions, comments or concerns regarding Illinois Relay or equipment programs managed by ITAC or call ITAC at 1-800-841-6167.

## PONTOON BEACH LIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION TO DEAF SERVICES

The Pontoon Beach Lions Club invited Angela to attend the Lions Club Dinner Night on June 27, 2009. That evening, Angela was presented with a \$300 donation from the Pontoon Beach Lions Club for IMPACT's Deaf Services Fund.



Angela Botz receiving a check from the Pontoon Beach Lions Club.

The Lions Club Foundation has a Hearing Screening Program and a hearing van that travels throughout the community providing hearing tests at no cost. Contact Angela for more information.



### Having Trouble Hearing on the Phone?

Illinois has a program to help! You can get a **FREE** amplified phone through the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC). It's easy to qualify.

You must:

- \*Be a legal resident of Illinois
- \*Have your doctor or audiologist sign that you are hard of hearing
- \*Have standard phone service in your residence

There are no age or income restrictions.

You can get more information and try the phones at IMPACT CIL, 2735 E. Broadway in Alton. Or call IMPACT for an application at 618-462-1411 or toll free at 888-616-4261.

ITAC programs are required and governed by Illinois law. [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org)

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WWW.IMPACTCIL.ORG

### Mission Statement

IMPACT CIL promotes pride and respect for people with disabilities by sharing the tools that are necessary to take control of one's own life.

IMPACT CIL advocates full community participation, with supports, of all citizens.

Please remember IMPACT CIL  
in your charitable giving and  
estate planning.

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