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SAW, INC. NEEDS HELP FILLING THE GAP IN FUNDING FOR TRUE COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Maple Heights, OH — Solutions at Work – a Cuyahoga County non-profit inspiring adults with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential – is calling on the community to contribute their support this year to fill the gap in funding.

Funding for SAW services is provided by Medicaid reimbursement at 77% of the cost. Today, this is simply not enough to fund specialized programs that truly change lives for the better.

“Fostering independence, confidence and the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities enhances the entire population socially and economically,” said SAW CEO Judith Carey. “Working with government funding, we deliver the resources individuals need, but it is simply not enough to have the person-centered services that allow individuals to feel the rewards of contributing to society,” explained Carey.

SAW’s vocational habilitation, group employment, and adult day services are some of the best in Northeast Ohio.

The Fill the Gap campaign is designed to promote a community-wide commitment with the goal of \$250,000 in 2023. The annual campaign simply offsets rising expenses, and allows SAW to hire and retain experienced and caring professional staff, manage safe and welcoming facilities, and develop daily activity programs that help individuals thrive.

As an example, one SAW enrollee, Chris, beat the odds and is living out his dreams as an employee of the Cleveland Clinic. Chris came to SAW in 2015 and SAW’s direct support professional staff began equipping him with leadership skills, custodial skills, general employment skills and more. As he grew in his abilities and confidence, the door to traditional employment began to open for Chris because of the unwavering commitment of direct support at SAW.

Filling the gap in funding will allow Cuyahoga County to see more success stories like this from an often-overlooked population. The SAW Annual Fund enables the organization to honor its mission of fostering confidence, which leads to greater independence and improves the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities. All are encouraged to donate now and become a part of this transformative journey.

The campaign goals include attracting gifts of all sizes from individuals and corporations, encouraging even more people to become involved in developments here in Cuyahoga County.

Donations will also help offer more community inclusion events. Since 1969, SAW has been at the forefront of integrating adults with developmental disabilities into our communities through programs that assist individuals in making lasting contributions in the local workplace and improve the quality of their lives.

“We look forward to everyone responding enthusiastically to this Fill the Gap campaign,” continued Carey. “The time really is now for the whole community to partner with us to fund the efforts that make a difference in our county and society.”

About SAW, Inc.

SAW, Inc is a 501(C)3, non-profit organization serving the needs of adults with developmental disabilities by offering vocational rehabilitation services, group employment, and several adult day-service facilities in Northeast Ohio. As a trusted provider, SAW's unwavering commitment to adults with developmental disabilities and their families allows each participant to work toward achieving their full potential.

For more information visit www.sawinc.org. And make y our tax-deductible donation at <https://sawinc.org/donate.html>



Colleen, an individual that depends on SAW, Inc.

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