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**Subject:** Please Support Disability Rights!

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I am writing to ask that you sponsor me in the ADAPT Fun Run, a fundraiser to support disability rights activism.

### **DONATE!**

It is easy to donate. Just use this link:

<http://adaptfunrun.net/runner/message/959>

The funds I raise will support both ADAPT and the Center for Disability Rights in Rochester, NY.  
Your donation gets put to good use!

### **WATCH THE ADVANCE DOCUMENTARY TRAILER ON ADAPT!**

See what ADAPT does! Watch this trailer from Roustabout Media which has spent the last several years filming ADAPT activists in action!

<http://roustaboutmedia.com/adaptmovie.html>

Note: This video may not play on certain mobile devices, but is viewable on a computer.

### **WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

During the past year, we worked diligently with Senate Minority Leader Schumer's office to improve and reintroduce the Disability Integration Act (S.910). This bi-partisan, bicameral legislation takes up the call of Senator Harkin's 2013 HELP Committee Report, "Separate but Unequal" to strengthen and clarify the ADA's integration mandate for people with disabilities. The bill establishes that people who require long term services and supports have the opportunity to receive those supports in the community as a matter of civil rights.

### **PLEASE DONATE!**

So please make a donation to support ADAPT's work by using this link:

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The money we raise from the Fun Run doesn't go to salaries, overhead or anything like that. It is used to directly subsidize the costs associated with getting our voice heard. That means it is used for:

- travel costs for getting ADAPT activists to the actions and back home;
- hotel rooms where ADAPT activists can stay during the actions; and
- accessibility accommodations like sign language interpreters at the actions.

Our local ADAPT activists personally contribute about \$400 every year to pay part of their way to the national ADAPT actions and the state actions we have in Albany. This is a LOT of money for people who live on SSI or SSDI and have extremely limited incomes. But they are willing to make such sacrifices because they know how important the work is!

I'm not asking that you to donate \$400... I'm just asking that you make any donation you can afford to support the people with disabilities who put their bodies on the line, year in and year out at ADAPT

actions. They are true heroes in my book and deserve our support.

Donate what you can. Just use this link:

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**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONATED THIS YEAR...  
THANK YOU!**

I know folks have limited funds to donate so I appreciate EVERY donation to ADAPT – no matter who it is donated through. Please know that the donation you've given will make a difference and is greatly appreciated by the entire ADAPT community!

**CAN'T AFFORD TO DONATE...  
NO WORRIES – YOU CAN STILL HELP!**

We know that a lot of folks in the disability community can't afford to make donations. So if you can't donate, then please forward this email to five folks you know and ask them to support ADAPT. This is a way you can help make a difference without blowing your budget!

No matter how you do it...

THANK YOU for supporting ADAPT's activism and disability rights!

Together we will FREE OUR PEOPLE!

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