



Countryside Association

for People with Disabilities

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Dear Friends,

We all know the feeling—the question of our value, whenever our role as a provider or team member is in question. Undoubtedly, employment and community affiliations are an important part of one's identity and feelings of self-worth.

As Countryside's On-site Directors and Senior Operations Manager, our passion and life's work is to help those whose lives are often defined by their developmental disability.

We came to this organization because of its excellent reputation for providing substantial work opportunities and an array of program choices for participants. Furthermore, we saw that, through its In-Home Respite and Home-Based programs, Countryside's supports extend beyond the Work and Training Centers in Palatine and Waukegan. After all, life doesn't stop once our participants leave us for the day.

Recognizing that each person's goals will be different, every day we have conversations with individuals with disabilities and ask, "What can we do to help you reach the goals you have for yourself?" As a result, no one's day is the same at Countryside!

Countryside, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, cares for individuals with disabilities of all ages, who experience a wide variety of obstacles. With your generous support, Countryside will continue to offer:

- Paid employment opportunities, including basic packaging and assembly work (outsourced by local companies) and an in-house Confidential Document Destruction Service
- Community job placement services that result in at least minimum-wage positions with businesses like Culver's, Home Depot, Meijer, and so on
- Work and life skills classes that help increase independence and self-confidence
- Establish and facilitate volunteer opportunities in surrounding communities that provide opportunities for participants to learn new skills while giving back
- Services for older adults that address age-related needs and desires
- Transition supports for high school students that provide an introduction to the work world
- In-home supports that provide relief to caregivers

Your help is essential for us to continue providing unparalleled and individually-tailored services to individuals and their families whose lives have been defined by a disability.

The meaningful and varied choices we offer every day lead program participants to showcase their identities while earning an income, learning new skills, and enjoying the company of friends. Please help us continue this important work by making your tax-deductible year-end gift today.

With warm wishes,

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