

Thank you for considering making a donation to TASH! As a leader in disability advocacy for nearly 40 years, the mission of TASH is to promote the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in every aspect of their community, and to eliminate the social injustices that diminish human rights.

Although there has been incredible progress in the past forty years, there is much work to be done to fulfill our mission. Today, ninety-five percent of all school-age youth with severe disabilities are educated in segregated settings. An estimated 52,500 students with disabilities are subjected to restraint and seclusion in public schools; often multiple times throughout the school year. Still, 30,000 people live in institutions, 300,000 spend their days in sheltered workshops, and 430,000 make less than minimum wage. One in three girls with developmental disabilities is sexually molested before reaching the age of 18. The cost of this continued segregation is high poverty, low quality of life, and alarming abuse and neglect.

Your gift has an important impact on the work TASH does. Support from donors helps TASH to:

- End reliance on aversive interventions, restraints and seclusion of students with disabilities by raising awareness of the dangers of these practices, educating families and teachers about preventative strategies, and encouraging the nationwide adoption of laws and regulations that establish federal protections for students.
- Provide scholarships to self advocates and family members to attend training and conferences that they otherwise could not afford to attend.
- Elevate customized employment as a distinct and fundable option supported by Medicaid waiver funds.
- Influence the federal government to invest more in inclusive education.
- Create momentum toward eliminating segregated sheltered workshops and sub-minimum wages.
- Promote integrated employment as the priority outcome for K-12 education through legislation and conducting training on transition to employment.
- Develop a learning community of agencies and leaders on personalized and individualized supports for community living.

I invite you to consider supporting the work that TASH does to put an end to the segregation, poverty and abuses against people with significant disabilities. TASH is widely appreciated for our uncompromising and principled values, research that informs our positions, and innovations that lead the field and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families. Make a difference by making a gift today.

Sincerely,

David Westling
President, TASH Board