This year started a new chapter for LIFE CIL. Rickieleee Benecke (right) was named as the new Executive Director for the first time in nearly 22 years. LIFE CIL’s previous Director, Gail Kear (left) retired in April 2018.

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Dear Friends,

As LIFE CIL Board President, I am continually impressed with the success of LIFE CIL, an organization whose positive impact and reach far exceeds what could be expected of an organization its size. An organization entirely committed to advancing equality and integration of all persons with disabilities, LIFE CIL’s devoted employees and volunteers work tirelessly to advocate in the public policy arena (local, state and national), educate persons with disabilities about their rights and responsibilities, provide support services, and raise community awareness about disability issues. LIFE CIL’s small but mighty employee base functions much like the best of families, supporting each other in all areas of life, while also working together creatively to fulfill the organization’s mission day in, day out. On behalf of the Board, I cannot express enough how grateful we are for all within LIFE CIL who “make it happen.” We are forever grateful and in awe of each and every one of you!

It has been both a privilege and honor to serve as LIFE CIL Board President for the first time this year, following in the footsteps of Donna Evans, who so competently served this great organization in several capacities over the course of many, many years. But this change at the Board level pales in comparison to the impact of transitioning to a new Executive Director of LIFE CIL, a transition that we finalized this calendar year. With a successful 21-year tenure at the center, former Executive Director left big shoes for our new Executive Director, Rickielee Benecke, to fill, but Rickielee has done so beautifully and exceeded expectations along the way.
As is typical for a nonprofit dependent in part on governmental funding, 2018 has not been without its challenges for LIFE CIL. As our new fearless leader, Rickielee has strategically and wisely responded to each and every challenge presented, and with each decision made, helped preserve the financial stability of LIFE CIL and its ability to serve more consumers in additional ways.

She’s also ushered in some new initiatives already, including but not limited to successfully securing a grant from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation that allowed for implementation of the Teens in Transition (T’NT) curriculum in local high schools, many new fundraisers, (e.g., a quick and easy fundraiser held at a restaurant on August 29th), and increasing LIFE CIL’s visibility by center board members, employees and volunteers marching in the Labor Day parade this past September. I’m encouraged by the positive impact Rickielee and her team have had already, and know they have even more in store!

As we look to 2019, we know we will face new challenges. But with LIFE CIL employees, volunteers, and supporters, I am more confident than ever that we will come out stronger than before. Thank you for your partnership and enduring commitment. You are helping us make equality and integration for all a reality!

Erin Engle
Dear Friends,

2018 has been a year of change for LIFE CIL. After nearly twenty-two years, our beloved Executive Director retired and the Board of Directors searched diligently for her replacement. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who put countless hours into this daunting task!

My first letter as Executive Director is one that I hope brings you as much excitement as it brings me. I am both thrilled and humbled to have been selected to fill the incredibly large shoes that my predecessor has left and I am extremely proud to work with the most amazing team that has ever been in charge of fulfilling LIFE CIL’s mission. We accomplished so many things last year, and we did it together. You can read more about those achievements throughout this report.

The two pictures shown below depict what team work looks like. One shows LIFE CIL team members and volunteers marching in the Labor Day parade and the other is at the conclusion of the march, water bottles in hand, sweating from the mile long walk in 100 degree weather. Yet we are all smiling, because we did it together.

As a person with a disability, I understand firsthand the barriers that still exist for us to live independent lives. This should not still be an issue twenty-eight years after the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law! This is just one reason that one of my first decisions as Executive Director was to re-structure our organizational chart to bring back the Disability Rights Advocate position. I have no doubt that Advocacy is number one on our list of priorities.
I am also excited to announce that there are plans in place to increase our outreach – we need to let everyone know about the incredible services we offer! My vision is that LIFE CIL will no longer be the best kept “secret”, we will work together to make sure that more people know about us. Additionally, I am excited to announce that there are plans in place to increase our revenues. But, we can’t do this without you – so be sure to sign up for our e-mail notices or become a member!

My deepest thanks to all of you who attended events and contributed this year, as participants, committee members, sponsors, or volunteers. Know that I truly understand that our successes would not have been possible without your efforts. You are a highly appreciated part of our team. As Executive Director and member of a remarkable Board of Directors, my hope is LIFE CIL continues to find ways to advance equality and integration of all persons with disabilities.

We have a wonderful team to assist us in fulfilling our mission - passion defines us, determination drives us. The best is yet to come!

Rickielee Benecke
**Mission**
LIFE Center for Independent Living advances equality and integration of all persons with disabilities. To achieve this mission, we:

- Promote local, state, and national advocacy
- Educate persons with disabilities about their rights and responsibilities
- Provide support services
- Raise community awareness about disability issues in DeWitt, Ford, Livingston and McLean Counties.

**What is a Center for Independent Living?**

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are not-for-profit, non-residential organizations that empower individuals with disabilities by sharing the tools needed to take control of one’s own life. CILs also promote equal opportunities and access by breaking down barriers and prejudices within communities. Most of our Board of Directors and staff members are individuals with disabilities who are strong advocates for disability rights and role models for independent living.

**Who We Serve**

We serve people of all ages and all kinds of disabilities and their families and their families and friends who reside in DeWitt, Ford, Livingston and McLean Counties. Services are available regardless of type of disability, sex, gender identity, income, ethnicity, or citizenship status*.

*Some specific grant requirements include income guidelines and citizenship status.*
Independent Living

Most Americans take for granted the opportunities they have regarding living arrangements, employment situations, means of transportation, social and recreational activities, and other aspects of everyday life.

For many Americans with disabilities, barriers in their communities severely limit their choices. These barriers may be obvious things such as lack of ramps for people who use wheelchairs, lack of interpreters or captioning for people with hearing impairments, or lack of Braille or large print materials for people who have visual impairments. Misunderstandings and prejudices about disabilities can be even more limiting to people with disabilities. These barriers lead to low expectations about things people with disabilities can achieve.

People with disabilities often have to deal with physical and attitudinal barriers in addition to the effects of their disabilities. Together, these can limit people with disabilities to lives of dependency and low personal satisfaction.

This does not need to happen. Millions of Americans who experience disabilities have established lives of independence. They fulfill all kinds of roles in their communities: employers, employees, marriage partners, parents, students, athletes, politicians, and taxpayers – an unlimited list. In most cases, they have faced and overcome or dealt with barriers to independent living.

What is Independent Living?

Essentially, it is having the opportunity to make decisions that affect one’s life and ability to pursue activities of one’s own choosing limited only in the same ways that one’s non-disabled neighbors are limited. Independent living has to do with self-determination. It is having the freedom to fail – and to learn
from one’s failures, just as non-disabled people do. There are, of course, individuals who have certain mental impairments that may affect their ability to make complicated decisions or pursue complex activities. For these individuals, independent living means having every opportunity to be as self-sufficient as possible. It is not easy, and it can be risky, but millions of people with disabilities rate it higher than a life of dependency, narrow opportunities, and unfulfilled expectations.

The Role of Centers in Independent Living

The involvement of people with disabilities makes Centers for Independent Living different from other service agencies. Most of the people who work here, in both management and direct services, are people with disabilities. We serve a wide variety of disability groups, including people with mobility impairments (which may be caused by spinal cord injury, amputation, cerebral palsy, etc.), people who have visual and hearing impairments, brain injury, and many other disabilities.

Every Center is different, to fit the needs and resources of their community. People running Centers for Independent Living believe very strongly that their Centers should respond to the needs of people with disabilities who live in their area. Most of the Board members, most of the managers, and most of the staff are persons with disabilities. People with disabilities are members of the Center, and they elect the Board members. In this way, people with disabilities control your Center for Independent Living.

“I think it is incredible that they (LIFE CIL) can help you help yourself without ‘taking over’ your life. I give each person at LIFE CIL high marks for giving options and stepping back to let each person learn or do for themselves.”
Meet our Board of Directors

Officers
Erin Engle, President
Nancy Warner, Vice President
Cindy Hauk, Treasurer
Renee Ingalsbe, Secretary

Directors
Cathy Ahart
Margarite Brooks
Wes Cowden
John Evans
Vasu Kalla
Melissa Kearney
Nancy Littell
Jim Martin
Samuela Perez
Kevin Roberts
Barbara Singer

LIFE CIL Staff

Management
Rickielee Benecke, Executive Director
Meri Helbig, Program Director
Brianne Anderson, Administrative Services Director

Direct Service Staff
Conan Calhoun, Disability Rights Advocate
Vicky Hogan, Community Living Advocate
Andrea Kindseth, Community Reintegration Advocate
Kim Tarkowski, Vision Access Advocate
Shannon Tarkowski, Independent Living Advocate

Support Staff
Keith Adams, Custodian
Bryn Westerhold, Administrative Assistant

Contractual
Chris Bergstrand, Accountant
Meet the Board Nominees for January 2019

The following individuals have agreed to be on the ballot to begin their terms in January 2019. Voting is done by members of LIFE CIL and the results are announced at our Annual Meeting on October 25, 2018.

**Margarite Brooks (one-year term)**
Margarite has served on LIFE CIL’s Board for eight years, has been Vice President of the Board, and has served on the Board Development and Community Relations Committees. She is a retired teacher, and a published inspirational author and speaker. Margarite is a person with a disability. She has previously been a member of the Statewide Independent Living Council’s Board of Directors and has served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Independent Living in Austin, Texas.

**Nancy Littell (one-year term)**
Nancy has served on LIFE CIL’s Board for eleven years, including two years as Vice President. She has served as a member and Chair of the Board Development Committee. She has a disability and has been foster parent to several children with disabilities.

**Nancy Warner (one-year term)**
Nancy has served on LIFE CIL’s Board for six years, and is currently Vice President. She has previously served as Secretary of the Board and Chair of the Community Relations Committee. Nancy has a disability. She is the mother of three, her oldest is a Wounded Warrior who lost his leg in Afghanistan.
**Wes Cowden (three-year term)**
Wes has served LIFE CIL’s Board for three years. He is currently the Chair of the Community Relations Committee. He is a person with a disability. Wes is a long-time disability advocate, a frequent volunteer for LIFE CIL, and is President of the Kiwanis Aktion Club.

**Renee Ingalsbe (three-year term)**
Renee has served as a LIFE CIL Board member for three years. She is currently the Secretary of the Board and serves on the Community Relations Committee. She has a disability and uses tactile American Sign Language. Renee has a Bachelor’s degree in business administration. She has extensive experience in the disability field, and is currently on the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission’s Support Service Provider Task Force. She is a graduate of the Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind in Chicago. Renee wants to help persons with all kinds of disabilities empower themselves.

**Monica Innis (three-year term)**
Monica looks forward to serving as a new Board member if elected. She and her son both have disabilities. She has work experience at Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, Camp Lions, Disability Support Services and HALO at Heartland Community College, and as a Personal Assistant.

**Cecilia Ruffin (three-year term)**
Cecilia looks forward to serving as a new Board member if elected. Her mother and son both have disabilities. Throughout their lifetime, she was an advocate and a support person for them. She has been a special education trainer and advocate for her foster children on their educational rights. Currently she is employed with the Department of Juvenile Justice as a youth and family specialist. She looks forward to bringing a wealth of community engagement skills to the Board.
Rickielee Benecke

HER BIO (what you may already know):
Rickielee became Executive Director at the end of April 2018, but has served on LIFE CIL’s staff since 2012. Her education includes a bachelor’s degree in Economics with a minor in Business Administration from Illinois State University. She was a Class of 2015 graduate from the Multicultural Leadership Program (MCLP) and has been certified as a Non-Profit Executive Director.

FUN FACTS ABOUT HER (what you may not know):
Rickielee first started working for LIFE CIL in 2004 as the Bloomington Secretary and was later promoted to Community Living Advocate but left in 2008 only to return years later as the Pontiac Secretary. Her tenure included serving in the positions of Independent Living Advocate, Disability Rights Advocate, and Advocacy & Advancement Director before being named ED. She was named after her dad, Rick, and loves to cheer on her favorite team – the Indianapolis Colts! In her spare time, she loves to read and spend time with her seven grandchildren.
**Individualized Service Demographics**

Number of persons receiving extended individual services: **240**

Based upon the requested service(s), an individual works with the appropriate staff member to identify what they would like to accomplish and then develops action steps.

Periodically, the two meet to discuss their accomplishments on each goal. At that time, the individual can determine if they have accomplished a goal or goals, if progress is being made, or if they would like to drop a goal. Individuals may withdraw at any time. It is the individual who decides when goals have been reached.

### Age of Individuals Served

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### Gender of Individuals Served

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Types of Individual Services Provided
Individuals direct their own services and may receive more than one service from us at a time.
Community Services Provided

Persons receiving Information and Referral: 4,026

Persons Receiving Equipment Loan: 1,682
(by county)

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Number of Individuals Receiving Equipment

Time Spent in Community Education Activities: 1,987.75

This includes staff time for all of the following:

- Community Systems Advocacy
- Communication Education
- Paratransit Certifications
- Outreach
- Collaboration and Networking
- Technical Assistance
- Administration
- Publications
- Maintaining Registries

LIFE CIL touched 4,266 lives this year!
Services provided from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
LIFE CIL’s Programs and Services

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) have five core services they all must provide:

**Advocacy**
Advocacy is central to a Center for Independent Living’s mission. We offer both individual and systems advocacy. Advocacy is needed to protect individual rights or to fight for needed resources and to advance civil rights and equal access for all persons with disabilities.

**Information and Referral**
We assist people with disabilities, their families, and the community in locating available resources such as affordable, accessible housing, transportation options, adaptive equipment, support services, and more.

**Independent Living Skills**
We teach a wide range of skills needed to live independently and manage life with a disability. Training is available to persons with disabilities in almost any topic where there is a need for more independence.

**Peer Support and Mentoring**
Peer support is one of the fundamentals of a Center for Independent Living. Who better knows the issues individuals with disabilities face than another person with a disability who has been there and done that? Peer mentors provide role modeling and share experiences, feelings and awareness of disability issues.

“LIFE CIL did an excellent job and provided me with outstanding services. I am now able to cook meals for myself on the stovetop and in the crockpot. I am also able to maintain an effective cleaning schedule for myself.”
**Transition**
We assist people with disabilities to move out of nursing homes and other institutions into independent lifestyles of their choice; help to prevent people with disabilities from entering institutions; and assist youth with disabilities in transitioning from high school to adult life.

**More Programs and Services**

Additional programs and services LIFE CIL is able to offer based on the sources and stipulations of our funding.

**Community Reintegration: Getting Out of Nursing Homes**
We help eligible persons with disabilities plan and carry out a move from a nursing home to their own home or apartment. We can pay for certain one-time moving expenses and household goods. We also connect individuals with other Center services such as independent living skills, peer counseling, advocacy and information and referral.

Anyone aged 18-59 who resides in a nursing facility and meets program criteria may be eligible for this program.

“I could not be so happy and thankful to LIFE Center for making it possible to come out of the nursing home and give me a chance to live at home and enjoy my family and friends and make me feel I belong.”

**Personal Assistant Program:**

**Help at Home**
We assist individuals with disabilities to hire, train, and manage personal assistants (PAs) to help with daily tasks as needed to live at home independently. We refer PAs to be hired and employed by individuals with disabilities. If you want to work as a PA and be on our referral list, complete our application and attend an orientation.
Seniors with Vision Loss
We help seniors 55 or older with severe vision loss maintain independent lifestyles. We provide free low vision aids such as magnifiers, large print items, and talking devices. We arrange community Orientation and Mobility training, teach sighted-guide techniques and suggest small home adaptations for increased safety.

Mobility Assistance for People Who Are Blind
We have restricted funds through the Cox Estate Bequest that allows us to purchase wheelchairs for persons of any age who are legally blind, and to help persons who are legally blind with certain costs associated with obtaining a guide dog or assistance dog. The Cox Bequest purchases individualized products and services based on the consumer’s needs.

Advocating for Accessible Communities
We promote positive social change so that all persons will have equal access and equal opportunity to participate in community life. We work to increase access to the built environment, transportation, housing, healthcare, communication, assistive technology, education, and employment. We also work to increase disability awareness and to change attitudes that tend to exclude people with disabilities from full participation in community life.

Rights and Responsibilities
We teach the knowledge and skills that allow individuals with disabilities to empower themselves by understanding their

“The staff is awesome. They met all my needs for me to be on my own. I live in an apartment that is more accessible to me. No nursing home! I can manage my own meds, can do some cooking in a crock pot. I am able to socialize more and have new friends.”

“I have received devices that help me to read.”
rights and responsibilities and by knowing how to protect those rights. We teach about the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing, Illinois Human Rights Act, and other laws relating to disability. We also teach self-advocacy skills and provide individual advocacy assistance when needed.

Community Advocacy Training
We teach class participants how to take action to advance equal opportunity for all persons with disabilities. Participants will learn about the disability rights movement, how to find their personal power and voice, as well as practicing how to speak out and make changes that will help all persons with disabilities. They will also learn how to get involved in the legislative process in order to create change.

Public Awareness and Technical Support
We provide disability awareness presentations about disabilities and disability-related issues. We also provide technical assistance to organizations, local communities, service providers and businesses about how to respond to the needs of employees and customers with disabilities and make their businesses comply with Illinois Accessibility Codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

FREE Amplified Phones
We are a selection center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) amplified phone program. You must complete an application and be a resident of Illinois, have a hearing loss (your physician or audiologist will need to certify your hearing loss), and provide proof of phone service (landline and/or cellular). Call us to learn more or to get an application to begin the process.

“Everyone called me by my first name. I was also listened to. I really appreciate all the help that given. Thanks to LIFE CIL, I can live in my own apartment and use public transportation.”
**Durable Medical Equipment Loan**
We loan certain durable medical equipment free of charge for up to 90 days: walkers, wheelchairs, canes, crutches, commodes, raised toilet seats, shower seats, and more. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-serve basis; you can call ahead to reserve equipment for same-day pickup.

**Accommodations Request**
If you need a sign language interpreter, foreign language interpreter, document translator, or alternative format of text (such as large print, braille, electronic format and/or audio tape), please let a staff member know and it will be provided at no cost to you.

“What Thanks to LIFE CIL, I can tell time, get around in my house, find light switches, brush my teeth, and take my own medicines.”

We at LIFE CIL do love what we do and we are so grateful for all of our supporters and contributors. Thank you for making it possible to keep doing what we do and assisting as many people with disabilities in the community as we can! Thank you!
**LIFECIL’s Income (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)**

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<td>$793,145</td>
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LIFE CIL’s Expenses (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

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**INCOME OVER EXPENSE** $16,985

Figures based on unaudited year-end financial report.
Some LIFE CIL Highlights and Events this Year

LIFE CIL’s Transportation Specialist completed 382 ADA paratransit certifications through the contract we had with Connect Transit. To the right, a lady and her service dog prepare to board the Connect Mobility bus, which is the paratransit transportation option in Bloomington-Normal.

LIFE CIL loaned durable medical equipment to 1,682 consumers through the short-term Equipment Loan program. To the left are examples of some of the equipment (wheelchair, wheeled walker, seated walker, quad canes, shower chair and commode) that can be loaned on a first-come, first-serve basis at LIFE CIL’s Bloomington office.

LIFE CIL assisted 6 individuals in moving from a nursing home to their own home. To these individuals getting out of a nursing home and gaining their independence in the community is priceless. “Welcome Home!”

“If it wasn’t for the Community Reintegration Program I would still be stuck in the nursing home.”

- Rob Ballantini

LIFE CIL implemented the Teens in Transition (T’NT) curriculum in two local high schools to help youth with disabilities learn about options available to transition into adult life. The photo shows a group of individuals excited about transitioning to adult life.
LIFE CIL held three Low Vision Fairs in our rural counties with 21 people in attendance. The Low Vision Fair is a way to teach individuals age 55 or older about the types of devices that LIFE CIL offers and what is available in the community to assist with independent living for those with vision loss. Photo shows examples of devices including sunglasses, magnifiers and special eyeglasses.

LIFE CIL’s Community Advocacy Training class had a total of 10 graduates and included a trip to the State Capitol. Photo shows the staff who taught the class and the individuals who participated in the trip.

A Healthy Relationships class was taught with a total of seven graduates with intellectual or developmental disabilities. To the right are four of those graduates, holding their certificates of completion.
Two peer groups were started by consumers, one for adults (Adult Peer Support Group), and the other for youth transitioning into adult living (LIFE’S LEADERS). Both groups are consumer controlled and consumer led with LIFE CIL staff supporting as needed.

Watch our Facebook posts to see when the next meetings will be held for each support group.

LIFE CIL advocated for accessibility issues to be addressed at a local hospital. Construction was completed for increased accessibility at a local hospital, Advocate BroMenn.

LIFE CIL staff implemented E-LIFElines, a quarterly electronic newsletter. Check out the latest edition at:

http://www.lifecil.org/calendar-of-events/newsletter/

If you would like to get signed up to receive our newsletter via email, please send a request to Brianne at brianne@lifecil.org.
US Representative Rodney Davis (IL-13) visited LIFE CIL and attended a listening session with staff, board members, and consumers. Advocacy issues addressed included access to healthcare and CIL funding. Photo shows Representative Rodney Davis talking with our Board member, Renee Ingalsbe, with the help of her sign language interpreters.

LIFE CIL staff and consumers presented on disability awareness and etiquette to over 300 junior high school students.

After almost 22 years, LIFE CIL’s Executive Director, Gail Kear retired in April. A retirement reception was held at LIFE CIL in her honor. The Board and Staff surprised her with a quilt made with disability-related T-shirts. To the left you can see how surprised she was. Below, Rickielee presents the quilt to Gail.

Thank you, Gail, for your years of leadership and hard work!

Congratulations on your retirement! We wish you the best!
Special Event: Wheelchair Basketball

LIFE CIL conducted its tenth anniversary Wheelchair Basketball event featuring the University of Illinois Wheelchair Basketball teams playing against LIFE CIL’s home team comprised of past players from the last nine years who represented in the anniversary “dream team”. Above is the logo of the 2018 Wheelchair Basketball event.

The event was held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Kingsley Junior High School in Normal. In addition to the game, there were door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, concessions with the help of the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees, a silent auction with the help of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Tau Tau Chapter, FREE face painting and balloons from the Zoo Lady and her Zoo Crew.

Proceeds benefited the programs and services of LIFE Center for Independent Living, as well as providing two scholarships to the University of Illinois Youth Wheelchair Sports Camps this summer. We appreciate everyone who made our Wheelchair Basketball event a success including our volunteers, donors and event sponsors.
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- Don Owen Tire

This would not be possible without ALL OF YOU! Thank you!

Please visit our Facebook page to view photos taken at this year’s event: [www.facebook.com/lifecil](http://www.facebook.com/lifecil)

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**Wheelchair Basketball 2019**
**Saturday, April 13, 2019!**
Details to come.
Save the date!
Community Awards

Each year we give awards to individuals, businesses and organizations that have done something to assist persons with disabilities to be more independent, supported LIFE CIL’s mission, and helped to break down barriers in our community.

2018 Advancing Community Access Award

The City of Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners (BEC) has been administering fair, accurate, nonpartisan elections in the City of Bloomington since 1914. LIFE CIL was approached by Paul Shannon, Executive Director of BEC to conduct accessibility surveys of the 23 polling sites in Bloomington. Paul expressed their commitment to assure that all polling sites are fully accessible for voters with disabilities. Accurate accessibility surveys of polling sites are an important first step in assuring accessibility so that all people can cast their vote on Election Day.

Paul or a member of his staff joined LIFE CIL at all 23 sites in order to learn more about the accessibility issues and listen to our feedback on how to correct any barriers. LIFE CIL then compiled an extensive report for BEC that would also be shared with the site owners. This report will allow the BEC to make necessary changes in either their polling site locations or to assist the site owners in correcting any barriers to accessibility.

This year’s Advancing Community Access award is graciously being presented to Paul Shannon and the City of Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners in appreciation for their work in ensuring accessibility to the voting process.
2018 Advocate of the Year Award

The Advocate of the Year award is normally presented to an individual that stands out to us with their advocacy efforts. This year’s nominee and recipient stood out to ALL of us at LIFE CIL. For the first time we can remember, this year’s award is not going to an individual, but to a group of individuals.

The Adult Peer Support Group began meeting at LIFE CIL earlier this year and continues to amaze us! Since April, this group has been full speed ahead with their drive for advocacy and creating positive change in our community. The group is consumer led and controlled. They discuss the barriers in our community and decide how to address those issues. With the help of the advocacy from this group, we feel the community will begin to see changes happening or at least getting the proper attention for the barriers that need to be addressed.

We proudly present the award for Advocate of the Year 2018 to the Adult Peer Support Group. The award will be presented to co-leaders Jen Morsch and Rob Ballantini who have volunteered their time and resources in preparing for and facilitating these monthly meetings.

2018 Do the Right Thing Award

The 2018 Do the Right Thing Award goes to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. They have started to make their facility more accessible to people with disabilities, last year completing construction of their front parking area to make the slope a proper level. Prior to that they had collaborated with LIFE CIL to get technical assistance regarding various concerns.

Tim Bassett worked with LIFE CIL and the Town of Normal codes department to establish what needed to be done to make
the facility more accessible. In addition to re-sloping the front parking area for accessible parking, they also implemented a new plan to replace interior signage with Brailled signage and added an exterior sign showing the way to the accessible entrance. They have also expressed interest in continuing to work with LIFE CIL on accessibility issues.

For their ongoing efforts to ensure access to healthcare for people with disabilities, we give this Do the Right Thing award to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

**2018 Leader of Tomorrow Award**

The Leader of Tomorrow Award is presented to a group or an individual who stands out and will continue to fight for persons with disabilities, they “get” and understand IL philosophy, we see them as a rising star in the disability rights movement.

**LIFE’S LEADERS** is a peer support group led by and for youth with disabilities. Serene Helbig has been an advocate for disability rights and inclusion in the past years, and this year has dedicated more time to planning and helping lead this new Peer Support Group at LIFE CIL. She is helping youth in the group become self-advocates and learn about options and opportunities that are available in our community. The LIFE’S LEADERS group is learning and living the Independent Living philosophy, and continues to stride towards independence with their social, leadership, and advocacy goals. We are excited to watch this group grow and learn together, and they welcome additional youth to come join them any time!

It is our pleasure to present this year’s Leader of Tomorrow Award to the LIFE’S LEADERS Peer Support Group. The award will be presented to the leader of the group, Serene Helbig for her time and commitment to facilitating the group’s monthly meetings.
Bree Singley’s first job as a personal assistant (PA) started last December when LIFE CIL was able to move a lady out of a nursing home and into her own apartment. Bree didn’t know at that time that she was going to find a career that she was so passionate about. She has become a shoulder to lean on, an encourager and a motivator for her employer. She is always on time, does what is asked of her and goes above and beyond with her work. Her employer would say “she is a Godsend” and is so thankful they found each other.

Bree has assisted the lady she works for with activities of daily living that she is not able to do on her own. In addition to the everyday things that her employer needs assistance with, Bree also helped her obtain resources in the community, get a cat from the Humane Society and gets her out of her apartment every day. They have become good friends who share the same sense of humor and they truly enjoy working together. Bree understands the independent living (IL) philosophy and always puts her employer first.

We proudly present the 2018 Star PA Award to Bree Singley for her hard work and dedication to her employer. Assisting her employer so that she can live independently in her own apartment and not go back to a nursing home.

2018 Volunteer of the Year Award

LIFE CIL’s 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award goes to someone who has spent the past year and a half assisting us to navigate a huge change in our leadership.

Dale Strassheim has been instrumental in preparing the Board and the staff for transition to a new Executive Director. He volunteered countless hours of his time to speak to the board and staff, answer questions, and help with this smooth
transition. He also continues to volunteer his time by mentoring our new Executive Director when needed.

A former CEO of the Baby Fold, Dale shared his experiences and knowledge about transitioning leadership with those of us at LIFE CIL. We could not have had such a successful transition without his guidance.

Congratulations, Dale, on being the 2018 Volunteer of the Year! We are extremely grateful for your time and assistance to us!

2018 Above and Beyond Award

The Above and Beyond Award is a brand new award this year. It has never been given at our Annual Meeting previously, but we felt that there should be a special award created to recognize a member of our Board of Directors who has gone above and beyond to show their support for our Center. It is important to point out that all of our Board members are volunteers, so we always appreciate their time. However, there are members of our Board who deserve to be recognized for their “above and beyond” support and efforts to make the Center better.

This year’s award recipient made a large donation to the Center and essentially provided the majority of concessions for our Wheelchair Basketball Game that took place in April. From soda, bottled water and Gatorade to chips, snacks and candy bars. She even included individually packed sandwiches to go along with our normal lunch menu items. This was all provided free of charge to LIFE CIL to sell at our concessions at the event and allow all proceeds to go to the programs and services of LIFE CIL. Additionally, she continues to donate products for use at our future events.

To Renee Ingalsbe of Ingalsbe Vending, we appreciate your generous donation to the Wheelchair Basketball game and
other events. We hope you know how much your service to LIFE CIL means to us. Congratulations on receiving this year’s Above and Beyond Award and thank you!

2018 President’s Award

The President’s Award is given to recognize outstanding service to LIFE CIL over a long period of time, and is awarded at the president’s prerogative. It is not given every year, but this year it is being awarded to someone who has served the Center in multiple capacities for a long time.

This person has served as a board member since 2005! He has served multi-terms as Treasurer and also as President. His humor is infectious, and his explanations of the financial reports have always left the other members with a much better understanding.

John exemplifies leadership not only at LIFE CIL, but also in our community. He has been previously recognized by Collaborative Solutions as an Extraordinary Ordinary Man for his community volunteer work and leadership. In addition to working a full-time job at Ag World International, he is a deacon and adult Bible study leader at his church.

In his spare time, he plays electric bass in pit bands for community plays and recently played with the band Lisa G and the Good Reasons. John has been a regular volunteer at LIFE CIL’s wheelchair basketball event for the past ten years and served on the search committee for our new Executive Director.

It is with mixed emotion that we celebrate his last year on the board. We will miss his jokes and laughter but we wish him well as he continues to make our community a better place to live. In recognition of thirteen years of dedication to LIFE CIL, we congratulate John Evans as the recipient of the President’s award for 2018.
Congratulations to all of the 2018 Community Award Recipients! We appreciate each awardee and thank you for the outstanding work you’ve done!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Meri Helbig, Program Director is celebrating 5 years of being on LIFE CIL's staff. She started as Independent Living Advocate on October 23, 2013 and was promoted to Program Director in June of 2016.

Look around you. For every four people around you, one of them has a disability. You may not be able to see it. You may not have a clue that they live with their disability every day. Not all disabilities are visible.

1 in 4 people have a disability. That means 25% of our population are individuals with disabilities.
Remembering Ann Ford

LIFE CIL and the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL) mourn the loss of Ann Ford, INCIL’s founding Executive Director. The following was written by Ryan Croke, Executive Director of INCIL.

Ann secured a place in history as a trailblazing organizer for people with disabilities. She spent her entire adult life fighting for civil rights, integration and inclusion. Her work to launch and lead the INCIL brought a stronger and more focused voice for the Independent Living movement to lawmakers. She carried herself with a gentle demeanor undergirded by a tenacious commitment to justice, fairness and knowledge of the struggles faced by people with disabilities worldwide.

Ann was honest, direct and steeped in personal and professional experience with the Independent Living philosophy. She fought against harsh changes to rules impacting home caregivers, worked successfully to expand programs to help transition adults from State Operated Developmental Centers, institutions and nursing homes back to the community, and oversaw a statewide drive to bring decent health insurance to people with disabilities.

Ann was also a beloved mother, sister, doting grandmother and great-grandmother, who left a legacy of respect for all people, public service and humanity. She received many awards for her advocacy. Ann was featured in Lives Worth Living, a 2011 documentary on the history on the long battle for disability rights in America.

She will be missed but her life will be permanently celebrated by the Illinois Network of CILs, along with disability advocates across the country.
Making a Difference

There are several ways you can contribute to LIFE CIL and support our mission and the services we provide.

✓ Monetary Donations
  o You can make a donation. Cash or checks are accepted; checks are made payable to LIFE CIL. You could also go to our website (www.lifecil.org) or Facebook page www.facebook.com/lifecil and make a contribution using a credit or debit card.
  o Honor Someone: You are always able to make a contribution on behalf of someone else or in memory of a loved one, please just note that.
  o Monthly Pledges: You can also set up monthly contributions.
  o Matching Gifts: Some employers will match charitable gifts or make a charitable gift based on your time volunteering, meaning your gifts are worth even more. Check with your employer to see if they have a program like this.

✓ In-Kind Equipment Donations
  You can donate durable medical equipment that you or a family member no longer need for us to loan to others. You are welcome to contact us to be sure we can accept the equipment you have available.

✓ Become a Member of LIFE CIL
  Just like you, LIFE Center for Independent Living (LIFE CIL) needs support from our friends. In order for us to carry out our mission to provide advocacy and services to
people with disabilities in DeWitt, Ford, Livingston and McLean counties, we ask all of our friends, past and present, to show their support by becoming members or renewing their membership.

- **Support Our Fundraising Efforts**
  Support LIFE CIL by participating in fundraising efforts, such as Wheelchair Basketball in April, various restaurant spirit nights throughout the year, our annual appeal letter in July and the raffle at our Annual Meeting in October. You could become a sponsor, donate items for the event, participate in the effort and help us get the word out about the event(s).

- **Sponsor Our Biggest Fundraiser Annually**
  Sponsor our Wheelchair Basketball Game coming up in April. Sponsors select a sponsorship package that includes marketing and recognition based on the level of sponsorship. To learn more about sponsorship, contact Brianne at brianne@lifecil.org.

- **Bequests**
  You might also consider long-term tax savings. We hope you will consider a charitable bequest in your will—to further our mission and save estate tax dollars at the same time.

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**Small Ways to Make a Big Difference**
Recognizing our Volunteers

We could not do everything we want or need to do without the help of our volunteers. We appreciate their time and efforts to help support our mission and services. We greatly appreciate each and every one of them.

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Andy Anderson
Susan G. Anderson
Eric Barbour
Rogeane Black
Representative Dan Brady
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Wes Cowden
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Kyle Jankowski
Nik Jones
Vasu Kalla
Melissa Kearney
Tim Kearney
Martin "Marty" Krylowicz
Meliza Laskowski
Jordan Lee
Damian Lewis
Nancy Littell
Craig Luchtefeld
Jim Martin
Keith Matthews
Scott McElroy
Looking to Volunteer?

LIFE CIL is working on revamping our volunteer program. We would like to utilize volunteers on a regular basis and are working on creating job descriptions for volunteer opportunities.

If you are interested in volunteering at LIFE CIL, please contact Brianne at brianne@lifecil.org.

We will send you an application and contact you when we have a task that would be a good fit for both of us.
Many Thanks to All of Our Donors This Year

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2. Sign up to receive our quarterly newsletter and other important updates. Send an email to Brianne at brianne@lifecil.org and let her know you want to be added to our mailing list. Then watch your emails for our new messaging software to contact you.

3. Visit our website: www.lifecil.org and see our calendar of events and information about upcoming fundraising activities. Advocacy alerts are also posted.
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