

OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER



TRICKS TREATS & TIDBITS

Candy Craze:

Americans purchase nearly 600 million pounds of candy for Halloween every year—that's about 2 pounds per person!

Full Moon Magic:

A full moon on Halloween is very rare. The most recent one was in 2020, and the next won't happen until 2039.

Top Treat:

For years, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups have been voted America's favorite Halloween candy.



INCLUSION IN ACTION

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This year's theme is "Access, Equity, and Inclusion: Unlocking Potential." We encourage businesses and community members to celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and to consider how inclusive hiring practices strengthen our community. Locally, we're continuing to advocate for accessible public spaces, housing, and transportation. Your voice matters—join us in making sure every space is open to everyone.

CONNECT WITH US

Stay connected with disAbility Resource Center! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates, events, and resources to support individuals with disabilities.



DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. experiences some form of disability.



BILLY'S BIG WIN

We're thrilled to spotlight one of our own—Billy Eno—for being honored with the USTA North Carolina 2025 Wheelchair Tennis Award! This prestigious recognition is awarded to individuals who show outstanding achievement and dedication in adaptive tennis, and Billy earned it through years of passion, perseverance, and impact.

From coaching newcomers, to advocating for accessibility and mentoring fellow players, Billy's contributions have truly served up inspiration. He is proof that sport can empower, include, and unite.

Please join us in congratulating Billy for this well-deserved award. His work isn't just about trophies—it reminds us that ability isn't limited by circumstance, and that every rally, every match, and every effort contributes to a stronger, more inclusive community.

“FALL” INTO CONNECTION

Join us for our Peer Support Group meeting—a safe, welcoming space where individuals with disabilities can connect, learn, share experiences, and support one another. Just like the leaves change in fall, our journeys evolve, and having a community to lean on makes every step easier.

When:

October 14th from 1:00 - 2:30

Where:

**5041 New Centre Dr. #108
Wilmington, NC 28403**

Register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1EXauYJhJS>



SUCCESS STORY

JOURNEY TO A
HOME OF HER OWN



FOR MOST OF HER ADULT LIFE, OUR CONSUMER FACED HOMELESSNESS—RENTING ROOMS OR LIVING IN GARAGES, BUT NEVER HAVING A PLACE TO TRULY CALL HER OWN. EACH TIME A LANDLORD DECIDED TO RECLAIM THEIR SPACE, SHE FOUND HERSELF BACK ON THE STREETS.

WITH ONGOING PEER SUPPORT FROM THE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (DRC), SHE APPLIED FOR HOUSING THROUGH THE WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AND WAS PLACED ON A WAITLIST. WHEN A VACANCY BECAME AVAILABLE, DRC STAFF WORKED ALONGSIDE HER TO GATHER ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. THE PROCESS WASN'T WITHOUT CHALLENGES. OUR CONSUMER LACKED BOTH A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A VALID PHOTO ID—CRITICAL DOCUMENTS FOR MOVING FORWARD.

DRC IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED THE COUNTY WHERE SHE WAS BORN, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, RECEIVED HER BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN UNDER 20 MINUTES. OUR CONSUMER THEN SHOWED REMARKABLE PERSEVERANCE, WAITING IN LINE AT THE DMV FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:20 P.M. TO SECURE HER NEW NORTH CAROLINA ID.

WHILE THE JOURNEY WAS FAR FROM SMOOTH, SHE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FROM DRC, GIVING HER SPACE TO SHARE HER FRUSTRATIONS WHILE STAYING FOCUSED ON HER GOAL. FINALLY, THE WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVED HER APPLICATION.

TODAY, OUR CONSUMER IS LIVING IN HER VERY FIRST HOME. SHE IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE KINDNESS, RESPECT, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT SHE RECEIVED FROM DRC DURING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MILESTONES OF HER LIFE.

