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TotalLink to Community's Annual Gala

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Dear TotalLink Family and Friends,

Have you ever wondered what the ‘link’ was in our name? Well, it’s you.

You are key to opening the door to choices and opportunities for people with disabilities in our communities.

Look around. We have a beautiful story to tell. We embrace our differences, and we are all better for it.

Because of you, people with disabilities are living the possible. They are active and contributing members of our communities.

Your generosity links adults to over twenty social and learning programs.

Your support links people to jobs. To date, we have placed more than 170 people in paid jobs.

Jobs are powerful. Jobs normalize differences and are a model for community inclusivity. Jobs enable people with disabilities to connect with others, lead lives filled with purpose and meaning, leverage their unique strengths and talents, continue learning, and earn a living.

Tonight, let us pledge to continue our work together as we bridge the gap and make a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Our shared work depends on each and every one of you. We cannot do it alone.

We invite you to be that critical link and champion for inclusivity and opportunity. Together, we will create a world where everyone has a chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are deeply grateful for you and for your commitment to inclusion. We look forward to continuing our partnership and making our community even stronger.

Most sincerely,

Emily Raming
Executive Director

P.S. Did you know?

In Illinois, fewer than 10% of workers with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are employed in integrated workplaces, in stark contrast to the national average of 20%, as reported by the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Illinois ranks 49th out of 50 states in its funding for community inclusion for people with disabilities.

Illinois spends most of its disability dollars within the large institutional care model. It is not a model that provides the opportunity for choice for people with disabilities.



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Our Program Tonight

6:30 PM

Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction, Raffle Ticket Sales

7:45 PM

Program Begins in Ball Room

9:15 PM

Silent Auction Closes
Raffle Drawing

10:00 PM

Raffle & Auction Check Out Opens

10:00 PM

Blackjack Table Closes



OUR PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE

employment



TotalLink to Community works with local businesses to employ adults with disabilities.

We partner with these businesses to find the right job for a qualified and motivated job seeker. The businesses listed are currently employing, have employed, or are actively recruiting adults with intellectual and or developmental disabilities. Thanks to each of our partners for your support!

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| Abt Electronics | Lou Malnati's |
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| Good Earth Lighting | Teddi Kossof Salon Spa |
| Grace Lutheran Church | Trader Joe's |
| Horizon Therapeutics | True Value Hardware |
| Humenik Dentistry | Wags on Willow |
| Jennings Chevrolet | Walgreens |
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| Kids First Pediatrics | Zebra Technologies Corporation |

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TotalLink prepares adults with disabilities for employment and connects them with employers who benefit from their commitment, reliability, unique perspective, and passion for the job. In turn, our adults gain a sense of purpose and belonging.

Like all of us, people with disabilities need opportunities to learn and grow throughout adult life. At TotalLink, we see firsthand how adults with disabilities thrive when they have the opportunities to live a meaningful life in their communities.

When people with disabilities graduate from school they have limited social, educational, and recreational opportunities. They are at a greater risk of depression, isolation, loss of skills, and dependency on their families and the government for funding and support after graduating from high school. TotalLink has created 20 social and lifelong learning programs and annually serves more than 100 adults in these programs.

TotalLink uses a proven and innovative approach called Customized Employment to connect people with disabilities to paid work. It is an intensive, multi-step process that takes months to complete and costs more than \$14,000 per person for a successful job placement. While it is a large investment, the returns are evident in the job retention rate and employer satisfaction.

TotalLink is different from other organizations serving people with disabilities - our goal isn't to take care of people with disabilities, it is to create opportunities for people with disabilities to have a choice about where they work, play, and live.



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Co-founder of TotalLink to Community,
dear friend, and passionate advocate.

