

## **TAZEWELL COUNTY RESOURCE CENTERS, INC.**

Caring for Special People...Birth to Seniors

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Hello friends;

We need your help.

For over 35 years, TCRC has been providing valuable programs to our community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and visual impairments. In addition, these programs have been provided under much funding scrutiny in the state of Illinois. Along with this tradition, Illinois also has a poor track record in providing transition services for special needs students leaving high school and "hoping" for adult funding so they can continue to grow in our communities.

Although we cannot control the state funding criteria, we can address a need that is evident in our community and do our best to put systems in place to address this need. We are proud to announce a new program in partnership with ICC called "Transitions by TCRC". This program will allow individuals to attend the ICC campus for classes developed and taught by professionals from TCRC who understand the challenges and obstacles that some individuals with special needs may face. This fall, twice a week, students can register for classes that will be taught by TCRC professionals in areas like self-advocacy, career exploration, healthy lifestyles and relationships, employment skills, and budgeting, just to name a few. We are working out the details so that participants will also be able to get an ICC Identification card and library card, have access to Cougar-Plex activities, and learn about all of the exciting areas of ICC through group exploration. We are so excited to begin this partnership with ICC and to offer an equal opportunity of inclusion on a college campus to help individuals "jump start" their lives after high school.

Like all new programs, there are some startup costs that we will incur in offering this program and this is where your charitable dollars will benefit us. Any donation made in the month of March by mail or via our website (<a href="https://www.tcrcorg.com">www.tcrcorg.com</a>) will automatically be used toward the startup of this awesome partnership with ICC.

Thank you to all of our wonderful donors that contribute to our mission. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE! We absolutely wouldn't be able to do what we do without your assistance.

March is Developmental Disabilities Month and a great time to give back. We have committed to assisting all individuals to reach their maximum potential through community opportunities and we hope that you can commit to assisting us in this venture with your contribution.

Jamie Durdel TCRC – President & CEO