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Lifetime Advocacy for People with Disabilities

Dear PLAN|NJ supporter,

Every parent of child with a disability worries about tomorrow: *Who will protect and care for my loved one when I no longer can?* Developing a documented care plan eases some concerns. Unfortunately, some individuals come to us in crisis, without family members who can provide the history and insight needed to support safety and quality of life.

This is the case with **Peter** (name changed for privacy), an individual with multiple disabilities who was referred to PLAN|NJ for guardianship services. Peter's parents and only sibling had already passed away. Now in his seventies, he suffered a series of health crises that resulted in the need for hospitalization, a feeding tube and ventilator. As such, he had limited ability to communicate. In his fragile medical state, he needed someone to advocate for his care.

Upon court appointment as guardian for Peter, PLAN|NJ assigned a service coordinator to begin regular visits at his care facility to build rapport with him and the team providing his support. When his Medicaid, crucial to his care, was terminated because paperwork was sent to the wrong facility, PLAN|NJ jumped in to have his benefits reinstated. Since he was not receiving Social Security benefits, PLAN|NJ staff began the process of applying on his behalf. We also researched communication technologies that would help Peter connect with those



around him and explored other ways to enhance his life.

Managing Peter's ongoing health needs often required frequent hospital stays. To ensure he receives the steady, specialized attention he deserves, care staff recommended a transition to a dedicated respiratory care unit. Soon, all of his medical needs will be seamlessly managed under one roof—complete with excellent care, supplemental therapies, and the continued visits and advocacy from PLAN|NJ he has come to rely on.

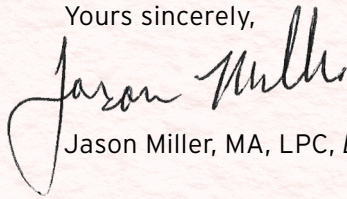
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Consider making a gift today at www.plannj.org/donate. Your generosity ensures that **PLAN|NJ** can establish immediate and ongoing relationships with individuals who have no family members to protect and coordinate their care. Your contribution makes it possible for them to receive our Guardianship, life planning consultations, advocacy, financial management and social services at no cost to them.

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Yours sincerely,



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