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Greetings!

The disability Resource Center of the Rappahannock Area (dRC) is planning for a fun time on September 24, 2022, when it hosts its "Let the Gourd Times Roll" Family Fall Festival at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds to raise funds to support its work. There will be music, games, food, vendor tables, and more to entertain the whole family.

The dRC, a Center for Independent Living, works to help people with disabilities of all ages to reach their greatest level of independence. We believe people with disabilities should have a voice and a choice in their life and should be included as active members of their community. We provide five main services including independent living skills training, peer mentoring, advocacy, nursing home and school transition, and information and referral. In addition, we provide other services to help people with disabilities in our community including our health and wellness classes, trainings on a variety of topics, an adult support and leadership group, and free donated durable medical equipment. Approximately 2,000 pieces of equipment are provided annually to people throughout our community.

Through the year, individuals write to us and let us know how our services have helped them. Below are some of their comments:

- One of the first organizations I call, as the community health nurse, to get the equipment residents need.
- It is nice to know you can come to an organization that solely operates on grants and donations to help those in need.
- A+ customer service!
- Such a wonderful organization and gives back to the community as well.
- This place is a Godsend. They help people who are in need.

To continue to provide help to our community, we need your help. Please support the dRC and its work through sponsorship of our Fall Festival, the first event we have had since COVID appeared. With your financial help, we can continue to provide people with disabilities the services they need to reach their greatest potential of independent living. We also provide information and training to families and the community.

I have enclosed information about sponsorship opportunities for our Fall Family Festival for your consideration. I look forward to your support and hope to see you on September 24<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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