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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We're writing to offer your business or organization the opportunity to partner with Advocates in Action RI as a sponsor for ***It's My Life!***, Rhode Island's 22nd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference. As the hosts of this annual event, we are looking forward to celebrating with the 400 plus attendees from across our state and around New England on Thursday, October 26th, 2017!

In deciding on a theme for this year's event, our conference planning team talked about what it means to be the person in charge of your own life. Unfortunately, while the ability to make your own decisions and chose your own path is common for most people, for those who have an intellectual/developmental disability, it is both a skill to be learned, and a basic human right that many have yet to recognize.

As a sponsor for this year's event, you can help us begin to change all of that, as we spread the message that each person should be able to live their life the way *they* chose. Granted, some people may need more assistance than others. We all need help from time to time! But having a disability label is no excuse for being controlled by others, or spending your days filled with busywork and meaningless activities which you did not chose.

It really is ***YOUR*** Life! What do you want to do with it? Do you want a job? Do you want to live in your own apartment? How do you want to spend your free time? Do you want to go to school, volunteer, or join a community group? Did you know that you don't have to spend all of your time with your housemates, and/or others who also have a disability label, simply because you receive supports from the same service agency? These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed at this year's conference through the 18 different break-out sessions, vendor displays, a Musical Keynote address that engages members of the audience, and a variety of other incredible experiences throughout the day.

This year we are also pleased to introduce a new conference track that is geared towards high school students. The ***It's My Life!*** Youth Track will be led by Self-Advocates, who are planning some awesome presentations to educate and empower their peers. We are very excited about this new addition to the conference day! We believe the Youth Track will become a powerful tool for young adults as they begin to plan for their future. It is never too early to learn about making informed decisions, and how to speak-up so you can live life the way you want.

In order to assure maximum attendance for the Youth Track, we are inviting high school students to attend the conference day for free! Although our funding is limited, we believe it's vital to empower high school students as they begin their transition to the adult world, and become the Self-Advocates of tomorrow! We trust you'll agree, and recognize that your sponsorship will help cover the cost of this important additional expense.

As a sponsor for ***It's My Life!***, you will be supporting one of one of Rhode Island's largest inclusive events of the year. The annual Self-Advocacy conference is a uniquely collaborative experience, which is organized and directed by a team of individuals both with and without disabilities. Overall, your sponsorship will help assure that we are able to make the conference as affordable as possible to the individuals who attend. In addition, your generosity will support Advocates in Action RI's work throughout the year to promote our mission:

*To empower people who have a developmental disability to advocate for themselves and others,  
to support and strengthen the Self-Advocacy movement  
and to raise awareness about disability issues in the community.*

As our way of thanks, conference sponsors will be recognized during at ***It's MY LIFE!*** on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, as well as in our Conference Program, on our website, Facebook page, and other social media. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (EIN 46-0734867), your donation may also be tax deductible.

Please see the attached sponsorship form to learn more about the different opportunities that are available to support this amazing event.

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, or have questions, please email Deb Kney at [debkney@advocatesinaction.org](mailto:debkney@advocatesinaction.org) or call 877-532-5543. We look forward to your support.

Sponsors who are not placing an ad are welcome to return the enclosed Sponsorship Form beyond that date.

Thank you. Together we're making a difference!

*Dawn Burke*

Dawn Burke, *President*

Advocates in Action RI Statewide Board of Representatives



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# IT'S MY LIFE!



THANK YOU!

Rhode Island's 22nd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference  
Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick RI

## 2017 SELF-ADVOCACY CONFERENCE SPONSOR FORM

Organization/Business/Individual Name <i>(as you wish it to appear in conference materials):</i>		
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		
Website:		

We appreciate your support! 2017 Sponsors will be recognized on the Advocates in Action RI Website, Facebook page and other social media or related publicity for *It's My Life!*

In addition, please refer to the Sponsorship Opportunities listed on side 2 of this form to find out more about what's included with the following levels of support.

- Elite Partner ... \$2,000
- Platinum Partner ... \$1,000
- Gold Partner ... \$500
- Silver Partner ... \$250
- Bronze Partner ... \$100
- Friend of AinA-RI ... Up to \$100 and In-Kind Donations

*We typically use 325-350 identical items for our Conference Bags, but are happy to accept other amounts!  
Please describe the in-kind item you are donating and include the quantity in the space below:*

<u>Item Being Donated:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>

The deadline to place an ad in our Conference Program is  
**Thursday, October 12th, 2017**  
Please e-mail Deb Kney for information about sending your print-ready copy, or for assistance creating an ad with your company's logo and message: [DebKney@AdvocatesinAction.org](mailto:DebKney@AdvocatesinAction.org)

Make checks payable and mail to  
**Advocates in Action RI**  
**Box 41528**  
**Providence, RI 02940**

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Contact us if you need additional information regarding your tax deductible donation.  
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**CLICK TO SAVE A COPY OF THIS FORM**

*Thank you. Together we're making a difference!*

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## 2017 SELF-ADVOCACY CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors will be recognized on the Advocates in Action RI Website, Facebook page and other social media or related publicity for ***It's My Life!***, in addition to the following opportunities to promote your business while showing support for this year's event:

### **Elite Partner ... \$2,000**

Prominent Full Page Ad in Conference Program  
Display table in the foyer during the conference day  
4 complimentary conference day registrations & 4 complimentary dinner dance tickets  
4 complimentary Conference T-shirts  
Award of Recognition at Luncheon Ceremony  
Your logo on Conference Marquee and signage at ***It's My Life!***

### **Platinum Partner ... \$1,000**

Full page ad in the Conference Program  
Display table in the foyer during conference day  
Your choice: 4 complimentary conference day registrations -or- 2 complimentary dinner dance tickets  
2 complimentary conference T-shirts  
Your logo on Conference Marquee and signage at ***It's My Life!***

### **Gold Partner ... \$500**

Half page ad in the Conference Program  
Display table in the foyer during conference day  
2 complimentary conference day registrations & 2 complimentary conference T-shirts  
Your logo on Conference Marquee and signage at ***It's My Life!***

### **Silver Partner ... \$250**

Quarter page ad in the Conference Program  
Your choice: 2 complimentary conference day registrations -or- 2 complimentary conference T-shirts  
Name listed on Conference Marquee at ***It's My Life!***

### **Bronze Partner ... \$100**

Business card ad in the Conference Program  
Name listed on Conference Marquee at ***It's My Life!***

### **Friend of AinA-RI ... Up to \$100 and/or In-Kind Donations**

Name listed in Conference Program  
Name listed on Conference Marquee at ***It's My Life!***

Advocates in Action Rhode Island is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, EIN 46-0734867.

Contact us if you need additional information about making a tax deductible donation to support our work: **877-532-5543**.

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