



*Advancing the individual
Rights of people with disabilities
and the Disability Rights Movement.*



Our Lives. Our Rights. Our Voices.

The Self-Determination Group

a cross disability group run by and for people with disabilities with the support of an assistant

WHEN: Established in 2014 by Carissa Paschall & Jamie Butler

WHY: The Self-Determination group serves to...

- amplify the voices of people with disabilities to live a self-determined life – life as each person defines it
- advance the disability rights movement

AFFILIATIONS:

Texas Advocates



The Arc of DFW Area



STAY CONNECTED:

Email: TheSDG@thearcofdfw.org

Facebook: @TheSelfDeterminationGroup



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2020 Goals

Organizational Goals

- retain and expand The SDGs membership – advocate base
- create and secure advertising/promotional materials

Operational Goals

- raise The SDGs visibility within the community
- host training events on self-determination & other related topics
- increase the number of social events held by The SDG
- meet with and get to know our Legislators
- participate in stakeholder input opportunities
- publish a quarterly newsletter

Thank you

Thank you to our allies, donors and sponsors. Your generous support allows us to continue to amplify the voices of people with disabilities to live a self-determined life and break down barriers that limit the possibility of it becoming a reality.

Donors:

Brooke Allen
 Laura Butler
 Estate of Jean M. Cecil
 Pam Harris

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The Self-Determination Group 2020 Income & Expense

Beginning Balance: \$15,464.62

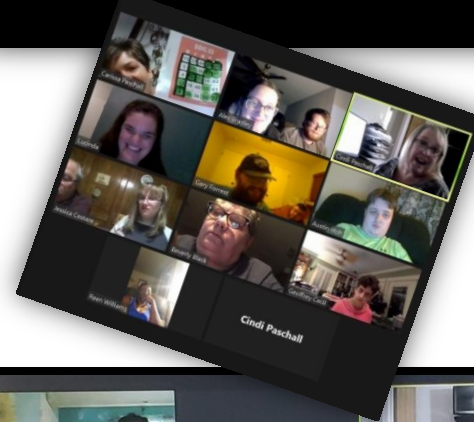
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	INCOME/IN	EXPENSE/OUT	TOTAL
Advertising-Promotion	Business Cards, Table Runner		-128.53	
	Wristbands		-228.41	
				-356.94
Affiliations	IDD Council of Tarrant County		-50.00	
	Texas Advocates		-170.00	
				-220.00
Contributions	Estate of Jean M. Cecil	10,000		
	North Texas Giving Day	5144.37		
				15,144.37
Membership Dues	11 Members	220.00		220.00
Programs	CART Services – Zoom Events		-142.50	
	Friendsgiving Feast		-91.00	
	Halloween Drive-By Parades		-280.49	
	Zoom		-586.47	
				-1100.46
Sponsorships	Aetna	488.70		
	Amerigroup	600.00		
				1088.70
Miscellaneous	Mingle Jingle 2019	283.18		
	Texas Advocates Conference 2019	339.32		
				622.50
		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
		17,075.57	-1,677.40	
	Total Assets			30,862.49

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Business Meetings & Zoom Hangouts

The Self-Determination Group *business meetings* are held monthly via Zoom on the 3rd Saturday from 12 pm – 1:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Zoom Hangouts are held each Monday from 6 pm – 7 pm. Zoom Hangouts provide a space for individuals with disabilities in the DFW Metroplex to come together to hangout.



Events & Recognitions

Annual Friendsgiving Feast



TEXAS ADVOCATES
GONE VIRTUAL
2020

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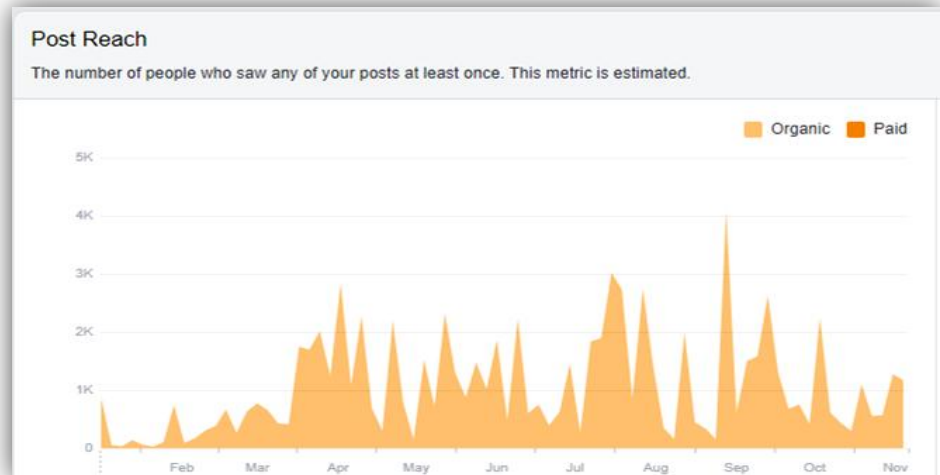
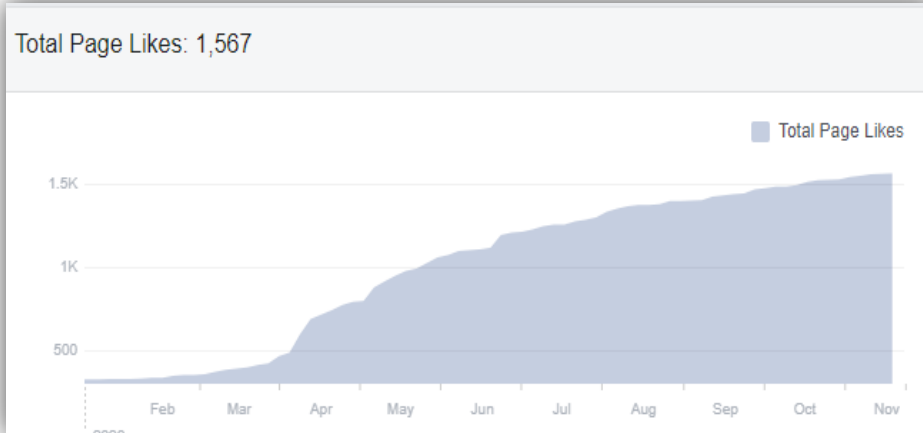
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2020 Award Recipients:

AWARD	RECIPIENT NAME	NOMINATING CHAPTER
Volunteer of the Year:	Tami Griffith	Gulf Coast Self-Advocates
Employer of the Year:	Parkwood Animal Hospital	Gulf Coast Self-Advocates
Employee of the Year:	Carissa Paschall	Self-Determination Group
Chapter of the Year:	Self-Determination Group	Self-Determination Group
Advocate of the Year:	Katie Sheffield	Southeast Texas Self-Advocates
Advisor of the Year:	Ricky Broussard	Gulf Coast Self-Advocates

Enhance Community Awareness

INCREASE SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



DISABILITY DAY OF MOURNING CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st • 6 PM-7PM

Held in remembrance of people with disabilities who lost their lives at the hands of a family member or caregiver and remind the world that their lives and our matters.



Virtual IDD Awareness Month Campaign – March 2020

This campaign served to raise the awareness and acceptance of the inclusion of people with IDD and expose barriers still faced today.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month – NDEAM Virtual Awareness Campaign October 2020

This campaign served to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

Personal Drive-By Halloween Parades



Co-founder of the **Free Our People Project**, a collaboration of Disability Advocates, Activists, Community Leaders and Organizers - to bring awareness and opposition to the institutional bias in Texas.

May 23rd Zoom event:



Article published in the Denton Record Chronicle.



Event held in recognition of the 21st Anniversary of the Olmstead Decision and served to educate on the history and impact of the Olmstead decision and the institutional bias in Texas.



June 2020 launched the **Free Our People Project** Facebook page @FreeOurPeopleProject

2020 Trainings

SELF-DETERMINATION

The Counterpart to Self-Advocacy

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Your vote matters! Make your voice heard!
 Presenter: Jeff Miller, Disability Rights Texas
 September 22, 2020 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Hosted By
The Self-Determination Group

National Disability Employment Awareness Month - NDEAM

DISABILITY DISCLOSURE:

How It Supports Reasonable Accommodations & Customized Employment

PRESENTER: Lucy Gafford, M.S., CRC - UNT WISE

OCTOBER 21, 2020
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Via Zoom - Registration Required

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National Disability Employment Awareness Month - NDEAM

BOTTOM DOLLARS

Film Screening Followed by a Panel Discussion and Q&A

Saturday, October 31, 2020

10 AM – 11:45 AM

Via Zoom: Registration Required

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**2-Part Presentation:
Employment First,
Employment
Services & Benefits**

PRESENTERS: MONTY CHAMBERLAIN, EMPLOYMENT
RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST & CHIMERE CLEMONS
IDD & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CROSS DIVISION
OFFICE, MEDICAL & SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION, TEXAS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PART 1: OCTOBER 28, 2020

PART 2: OCTOBER 29, 2020

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Via Zoom - Registration Required

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FROM IDEAS TO REALITY: THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS

More informed and better designed policies are created when people who use, or are impacted by, services are involved in the policy-making process.

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PRESENTED BY 

Nov.
16th

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Stakeholder Input

Texas Health and Human Services Commission – HHSC

- Long-range plan for State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs)
- Disability Services Action Plan (DSAP)

City of Denton Police Chief & City Council

- Take Me Home Program

MHMRTC – Transition Support Team

- Insight from The SDG on what can be done to better support people with IDD in the community

Invited Speaker

The Future is Coming: Why Transition Begins at Diagnosis

DFW Autism Conference,
February 6, 2020

Navigating the IDD Service System: What Services is a Person with an IDD Eligible for and Why Are They So Hard to Access

IDD Council of Tarrant County,
August 11 & 25, 2020

Navigating the IDD Service System: What Services is a Person with an IDD Eligible for and Why Are They So Hard to Access

FWISD Transition Specialists,
September 1, 2020