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***"Get into politics as if your life depended on it. - It does."* (1996)**

-- Justin Dart, Jr. (1930-2002), *"Father of the American Disabilities Act (ADA)"*

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New Horizons Un-Limited – Disability Advocacy Will Your Voice Count in the 2018 Election?

Federal and local Midterm Elections are mere weeks away. Have you been paying attention? Do you know what is at stake? If you haven't, and if you don't, then it's time to get to work... **because your life may very well depend on it!**

If you have a disability, or you are a parent, family member, or caregiver of a person with a disability, chronic illness or a pre-existing condition, as it's referred to these days, you do not have the luxury of sitting back silently as your legislators cut your benefits. **This upcoming election is about your very existence!**

Disability is not political, it is part of the human experience, but there has been a lot of recent legislative activity slashing our nation's social safety net, for political power and **forgetting these programs are for people in real need...**this includes Social Security, Medicaid, Housing Vouchers, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), among others. Chances are you know someone who does, or do yourself or you may realize you may need these programs in your future.

What would you do if cuts made it more difficult to live in a safe, affordable apartment or home, put a healthy meal on the table, hire necessary home health aides, access public transportation to keep your job, get needed medication or see your doctor? Even under present programs it is difficult, but have you thought about what you would do if these programs weren't there for you or a loved one?

Not many years ago, the **ONLY** place for a person with a disability was an institution. Jobs? Forget about it! This cost our society both economically and in human potential. The hard work of advocates and legislators from all political parties, a few years ago reformed the system and made living and working in the community possible. People with disabilities are contributing, now, more than ever!

Ask of your legislators for reform and oversight rather than overboard cuts. We have made great strides over the decades. We must not step backwards, but keep our eyes on a future that values ALL people, and invests in their potential.

If you or a family member relies on federally and locally funded programs to help you live and work in the community, you need to pay attention **NOW**, you need to learn and understand what is at stake **TODAY**. **YOU need to VOTE!**
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Over 25 years ago, Justin Dart, Jr. advocated for people with disabilities to wake up a very wealthy country to the medieval treatment and access conditions of over 50 million of its citizens with disabilities. Under Presidents Reagan and Bush the ADA was passed and in the State of Wisconsin, under Governor Tommy Thompson health reform allowed people to move from institutions to live in their communities.

Recently Ohio Governor, John Kasich, called for work from all legislators to act not on self- political gain, but on true reform, that just cutting Medicaid would not solve the issues facing the people of our nation.

Right Now!!! Primaries are already underway in some states, and most candidates will be confirmed by the end of summer. Read as much as you can on every candidate in your state or district. **Vote in the primaries!**

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 you will have the opportunity to choose an array of local and federal officials (most notably the United States House of Representatives). Do not squander this opportunity. You have just under four months to educate yourself on the issues and candidates.

What can YOU do to be an educated voter?

- Here is a great resource on finding the candidates that best match your needs and views (NOTE: this website will be updated as the primaries move forward): **Vote Smart** at <https://votesmart.org/>
- In the meantime, read up on the issues that impact you, as an American with a disability or : **AAPD REV UP Issues Guide** at <https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/voting/rev-up-issues-guide/>
- Also, be sure to check your state's voting policies and ensure that you have everything you need to vote: Rock The Vote: **Get Ready to Vote** at <https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/>
- Verify your voter registration status and find your polling place with this tool from @HeadCountOrg: <https://www.headcount.org/verify-voter-registration/>
- The future is ours, but only if we work for it! We will print more information and resources on the upcoming election on our website. Check there at new-horizons.org/wnlgnt.html
- **Let's get to work today!**

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In the meantime you can review the full color Flower Power catalog at:
www.new-horizons.org/pdf/fp2018.pdf

Flower bulbs are sent to you in time for fall planting.
Flowers will grow and bloom in your garden next spring and summer.

Questions? Do not hesitate to ask us at: horizons@new-horizons.org.

Aug. – Sept. – Oct. -- NHU Volunteer Opportunities!!

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 NHU volunteers are reimbursed up to \$16.00 per month for your parking or transportation.
 Report your volunteer hours to NHU on-line www.new-horizons.org/voltime.php

Advocacy Matters, and the Time is Now!

People with disabilities face unemployment, poverty, lack of access to information, technology, education, and transportation and abuse, bias, violence and lack of understanding. Disability is part of the human experience and citizens deserve the rights of any citizen.

Do not become complacent. Do not sit silently. True inclusion can only be achieved if we are all part of the conversation and help find the solution.

Only **YOU** can educate your legislator, tell your perspective with your community or share your knowledge for others with disabilities.

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Here are some simple ways to give back to NHU!

Volunteers reach out and make a world of difference!! For more information on volunteering, visit: new-horizons.org/volnet.html

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