

"I sought Disability Rights Montana's help because my foster son wasn't doing well at the group home and in school. With Disability Rights Montana's assistance we were able to move my son to another group home in Bozeman, he enrolled in Bozeman High School, graduated, and is now working."

Debora Speyer

November 19, 2014

Dear Friends,

During 2014 Disability Rights Montana (DRM) provided training, advocacy, legal services, and protected the rights of 1,116 Montanans with disabilities. We advocated for children to obtain appropriate services in school, assisted adults to keep their jobs through advocacy for reasonable accommodations in the workplace, and worked to protect vulnerable persons in institutions from abuse and neglect.

DRM sponsored its second annual Special Education Symposium in Great Falls. These symposiums have provided outreach to 200 parents and families, educators, attorneys, caregivers, and professionals providing training on education law and special education from experts in their fields.

As this year comes to a close, we ask you to consider a year end charitable contribution to Disability Rights Montana because in addition to those we served, we turned away hundreds of requests for help because of lack of financial resources.

Gifts of all sizes will directly benefit Montanans and their families. One hundred percent of your gift will be used to provide advocacy and legal services for Montanans with disabilities. A gift of \$50 will help a child to receive a consultation for appropriate education services. A gift of \$500 assures representation in a disability discrimination matter in the workplace.

Our efforts at DRM are well underway and with your support we can reach more families that need our services.

In this season of Thanksgiving, Disability Rights Montana appreciates your consideration of a charitable tax deductible donation to our organization to help us fulfill our mission: *To protect and advocate for the human, legal and civil rights of Montanans with disabilities while advancing dignity, equality and self-determination.*

Sincerely,

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"I got my dream job working at the Veterans Administration because of my lawyer at Disability Rights Montana."

William Weott