



Community Day Services & Residential Services

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“You cannot hope to build a better world without improving individuals. We all must work for our own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity.” - Marie Curie

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Business Associates, and Friends:

In the sixty-six years of Austin Special Chicago’s existence as a charitable organization, its mission statement has been “to meet the needs of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities; to provide training and education so that they may have more fulfilled and enriched lives; and to assist their families to keep them in the community.” The pursuit of this mission is our humble attempt at building a better world by working to improve the lives of the individuals we serve.

I am appealing to your kindness, generosity, and sense of responsibility to continue this partnership with us at Austin Special by donating to this year’s Direct Mail Campaign. There may be some misconception that the funding from the State of Illinois covers 100% of our operating costs. It is simply *not true!* **Your donation is so much needed for our agency to survive and serve the individuals in the Community Day Services program and the CILA Residential program.**

Your donation of any amount, tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, will be used to pay for services that include:

- ❖ **Program development**, including speech and academic instruction, art therapy, developmental training, production work, community activities, and services of a registered nurse
- ❖ **Transportation**, which is essential to access healthcare and behavioral therapy, social services, recreational programs, and other activities in the community
- ❖ **Professional training** and continuing education of staff, to uphold quality care, as well as to stay current with federal and state prescribed practices and regulations pertaining to client care
- ❖ **Maintenance and repair** of agency properties, including buildings, vehicles, and equipment
- ❖ **Specific assistance to individuals** in purchasing clothing, bedding, and other personal items.

With your donation, you make a difference in improving the lives of individuals; you build a better Austin Special; you build a better Chicago community; and you build a better world.

Thank you for your continued support. May this holiday season bring you warmth, comfort, joy, and prosperity all through the New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maricel Roy Aban".

Maricel Roy Aban
Executive Director