



Dear friends ~

**Give the gift of Independence right now**

Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans will become disabled or experience a chronic condition in their lifetime? At Southwest Center we drive independence every day. Since 1991, SWCI has worked closely with our community to break down barriers to inclusion and to ensure all those experiencing disabilities have the same access and opportunities as others who are not living with a disability. You can give the gift of independence to your friends and neighbors today!

**Give where you live. Every year.**

Thanks to a generous community, SWCI is able to carry out its mission in the 5-county region to provide supports and training for people in our disability and aging communities to live the lives they want in Southwest Colorado. Last year we helped over 600 people with disabilities to obtain employment, access medical care, locate assistive technology, gain housing and much more.

**Make a special year-end donation to help sustain SWCI**

We simply can't do it without you. Your support will make a real, lasting impact in the lives of people with disabilities like John who is 56 and lived in a nursing home. John was experiencing a new low vision disability, needed support with mobility and a place to live that he could afford. SWCI was able to provide him with individualized services to help navigate his benefits, purchase assistive technology, locate a housing voucher and an apartment so he could move safely back into the community. We also provided accessible door-to-door transportation so

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he could get to his critical medical appointments through our **Southwest Rides** program.

**Give the gift of dignity today**

SWCI's goal is to raise \$50,000 to help even more local people who have disabilities or are aging with chronic conditions. We can't do it without your help! We urge you to make a lasting gift of \$50, \$100, \$1,000 or whatever you can afford to help us meet this goal. Please donate today!

Donate on our website at <https://SWIndependence.org/donate/> or use the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martha Mason  
Executive Director

PS – Please join us at our 3rd Annual Human Foosball fundraiser at Animas Brewing Company on February 4, 2018 as part of the Snowdown Festivities!

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