Annual Activities & Accomplishments
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Providing siblings of individuals with disabilities
the information, support and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and
promote issues important to them and their entire families

www.siblingleadership.org

A leader in the sibling movement, in 2014 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Grew the sibling network to over 4000 siblings & supporters with 17 state chapters
- Held strategic discussions with self-advocacy groups, included self-advocates on committees, and continuing to have a SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered) representative on the SLN Board
- Became officially a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization
- Had full participation of SLN Board in financial contributions to grow the organization
- Engaged members through active committees including Policy & Advocacy, Information & Support, Research, Communications, and Chapter Development
- Created an Advocacy Toolkit for Siblings that includes Sibling Policy Videos and the 2014 Sibling Policy Brief highlighting legislation significant to siblings
- Promotional sponsor of the Disability Policy Seminar in DC and hosted a Sibling Meet and Greet
- Advocated for policies that support siblings of people with disabilities and their families
- Co-hosted with the Sibling Support Project, SibNet, the largest online network of adult siblings from across the country to provide peer support and information
- Led webinars to educate network on relevant topics such as the Affordable Care Act
• Managed the **Siblings Department in QualityMall.com**, an online site that showcases informational resources and products for people with disabilities and families

• **Celebrated National Siblings Day** through social media connections and chapter events

• Participated as an active member of the **National Partnership Council** of the Supporting Families Community of Practice, **Advisory Committee member** of The State of the State in Developmental Disabilities, **Advisory Committee Allie member** of The Southern Collaborative Self-Advocacy Regional Technical Assistance Center called "Our Community Standing Strong", **Knowledge Translation Partner** for the Community Living Policy Center, and **Partner Organization** of the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination

• **Represented the sibling voice** at the Symposium on Supported Decision-Making for People with Intellectual Disabilities

• **Connected siblings** at the local, state, and regional level for **peer support and networking** through events such as “Sibs in the City” weekend and state chapter conferences

• Shared information and conducted outreach on the Sibling Leadership Net YouTube channel

• Developed the **SLN website** to be a rich resource and **disseminated information** for siblings and their families

• **Educated professionals and families** through conferences and events across the country about the importance of the sibling perspective

• **Strengthened partnerships** with numerous national organizations

• Began **planning the 2015 National SLN Conference** in Louisville, KY

The Sibling Leadership Network thanks the amazing volunteers from across the country for their dedication to make our organization what it is today!

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