2013 Activities & Accomplishments

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

A leader in the sibling movement, in 2013 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Grew the sibling network to over 3700 members with 13 state chapters (AL, DC, GA, IL, MA, MI, NH, NY, OH, PA, TN, UT & WI) while continuing to nurture additional chapters

- Held the National SLN Conference in conjunction with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, bringing together siblings, self-advocates, family members, and professionals from 22 states as well as Canada and Japan

- Generated news coverage to raise awareness of the importance of the sibling perspective and increased social networking activities

- Developed a Sibling Policy Brief highlighting legislation significant to siblings

- Created Research Briefs highlighting the research on adult and young siblings

- Celebrated National Siblings Day through chapter events and social media connections

- Participated in the Disability Policy Seminar in DC and co-hosted with The Arc a Sibling Meet and Greet

- Managed the new Siblings Department in QualityMall.com, an online site that showcases informational resources and products for people with disabilities and families

- Created a Sibling Corner in The Riot, a newsletter by and for self-advocates

- Led webinars to educate various networks including The Arc and ANCOR, the American Network of Community Options and Resources

- Developed The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Research and Policy Brief on Siblings of Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

- Represented the sibling voice at the Roundtable Discussion on Beyond Guardianship: Supported Decision-Making by Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

- Became an active member of the National Partnership Council of the Supporting Families Community of Practice as well as an Advisory Committee member of The State of the State in Developmental Disabilities

- Hosted sibling researchers from Japan and Australia as well as students interviewing siblings across the country
• **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

• Co-hosted **SibNet, the largest online network of adult siblings** from across the country to obtain peer support and information

• Advocated for **policies that support siblings** of people with disabilities and their families including the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and the Family Medical Leave Inclusion Act

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

• Disseminated resources for siblings and their families, including a **quarterly eNewsletters**

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

• **Strengthened partnerships** with numerous national organizations

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**Thanks to the amazing volunteers from across the country for their dedication, which makes the Sibling Leadership Network what it is today!**

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