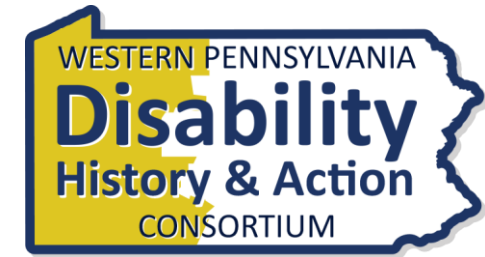


Western Pennsylvania Disability History
and Action Consortium presents:



BEYOND HISTORY

Framing the Past,
Shaping the Future



A 10th Anniversary Celebration
of the
Western Pennsylvania Disability
History and Action Consortium

Wednesday,
October 22, 2025

**Sponsorship
Guide**

Our Mission and Vision



Our Mission

The Western Pennsylvania Disability History and Action Consortium is a community-based archive that preserves and honors the historic struggle of people with disabilities to attain human and civil rights – and shares the lived experiences of today – in order to promote community access, participation and equal opportunity.

Our Vision

The Consortium's vision is to engage the public in the dynamic history of people with disabilities, to honor people who were mistreated or denied their rights, to recognize the efforts of individuals with and without disabilities to effect positive change, and to raise public awareness of contemporary issues, including the ongoing effort to maintain humane policies and laws.

Event Overview

Partner with Us to Make History.

In 2025, the Western Pennsylvania Disability History and Action Consortium celebrates a landmark year: our 10th anniversary as a regional leader in disability history and advocacy - and the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a cornerstone of civil rights legislation.

Our first annual signature event, **Beyond History: Framing the Past, Shaping the Future**, is more than a 10th anniversary celebration - it's a platform for connection, reflection, and visibility. As a valued sponsor, your brand will be showcased in front of a dynamic audience of community leaders, advocates, educators, and changemakers. This is not just a philanthropic gift - it's a strategic marketing partnership with impact.

We invite you to join us in supporting a celebration of resilience, justice, and inclusive progress!



Event Information

Date:

Wednesday,
October 22, 2025

Time:

6:00 – 9:00 PM
(Doors open at 6:00
PM; Program begins
at 7:00 PM)

Location:

Senator John Heinz
History Center,
Pittsburgh, PA

Program Highlights:

Keynote by Ann Talman Pittsburgh native, Hollywood actress, and creator of Woody's Order, Ann brings a deeply personal and moving story to the stage. After her keynote, she'll be joined in conversation by Pittsburgh's own Mark Steidl, a powerful advocate and voice for disability justice.

Consortium Milestone Showcase A presentation that celebrates the impact and legacy of the Consortium's first 10 years.

Honoring Ginny Thornburgh We will pay tribute to Ginny Thornburgh's remarkable contributions to disability rights, advocacy, and inclusion across decades.

Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - the landmark civil rights milestone that continues to shape our work and the lives of millions.

Silent Art & Maker Auction Explore and bid on handcrafted artwork and items from talented local artists and makers with disabilities.

Food, Drink, and Community Connection Enjoy a delicious spread of heavy hors d'oeuvres (no formal dinner), a cash bar, and the warmth of an evening filled with conversation and connection!

Public recognition of sponsors - across digital, print, and event platforms

Featured Guests



ANN TALMAN

Actress, Storyteller, Documentary Film Maker, Creator of "Woody's Order!"

Ann Talman is a 4-time Broadway veteran, actress, storyteller and documentary film maker based in New York City. She made her stage debut in 1981 in the Broadway production of The Little Foxes with Elizabeth Taylor, portraying her daughter, Alexandra.



MARK STEIDL

Disability Rights Advocate, Technologist, Teacher, Opera Librettist

Mark Steidl (they/them) is a disability rights advocate and graduate of the Community College of Allegheny County, where they majored in Social Work Foundations and served as a student government senator. Mark has cerebral palsy and uses a variety of technologies to manage his condition.

Our Emcee



CHAZ KELLEMM

Disability Rights Advocate, Nonprofit Leader

Chaz Kellem is a native of Pittsburgh and has been a disability advocate for 25+ years. Professionally, he serves as a Program Manager at Highmark Health within the Institute for Strategic Social and Workforce Programs. Chaz serves as board member and volunteer for organizations including the Pittsburgh Steelwheelers and the Miracle League of Moon.

Reach and Demographics

Sponsorship offers meaningful exposure to a highly engaged, mission-aligned audience:

- 125-150+ event guests including people with disabilities and their family members, disability advocates, disability services professionals, donors, and community members
- Bulk email reach: 22,753 total recipients
- Website reach: 8,900 users, 21,031 page views
- Social media reach:
 - Facebook: 38,341 total reach (organic + paid)
 - YouTube: 3,368 total views
- Additional media outreach to regional press, radio, and TV outlets



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship of **Beyond History: Framing the Past, Shaping the Future** is more than a gesture of support—it's an opportunity to connect your brand with a cause-driven audience and gain meaningful visibility before, during, and after the event. All sponsors receive tailored promotional benefits designed to maximize recognition and align with your level of investment.

	Presenting	Pathfinder	Trailblazer	Ally	Community Partner
Fee	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
# of sponsorships available	1 (exclusive)	3	5	10	Unlimited
# of event tickets included	Full Table (8 tickets)	Half Table (4 tickets)	Two (2) tickets	One (1) ticket	-
Digital display of corporate logo at event	Logo on exclusive slide	Logo on slide w/all sponsors in tier	Logo on slide w/all sponsors in tier	Logo on slide w/all sponsors in tier	List of names only displayed on single slide
Recognition by emcee at event	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Logo and link on website event page	Logo (large)	Logo (medium)	Logo (small)	Name only	Name only
# of social media posts	5	3	2	1	-
Program book sponsorship acknowledgement	Logo (large)	Logo (medium)	Logo (small)	Name only	Name only
Logo on event printed signage	Logo (large)	Logo (medium)	Logo (small)	Name only	-
Program book ad	Full page, inside front cover	1/2 page	1/4 page	-	-
Recap Newsletter logo placement	Logo (large)	Logo (medium)	-	-	-
Logo on event email marketing emails	Logo (large)	Logo (medium)	-	-	-
Front cover program acknowledgment	Yes	-	-	-	-
Opportunity to make a toast from the podium	Yes	-	-	-	-

Next Steps: Sponsorship Application

To become a sponsor, visit the following link or scan the QR code below:

<http://bit.ly/3ZUVpE2>

