



I am excited to invite you to be a part of the largest annual fundraiser for Citizen Advocates. For the 12th year, the event is titled, "Dancing for a Difference" featuring dancing, an auction, dinner and entertainment. The gala will be held Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford.

Citizen Advocates works to make a difference in the lives of people, like the people in the picture below, by creating relationships that see beyond disabilities. Advocates are volunteers, (individuals and groups) who are willing to take a chance and begin a relationship with someone with disabilities that are often overlooked and not thought of as valuable to the vitality and depth of our community make up. We work with individuals of all ages and abilities, facilitating peer mentor programs in schools, a music program, community bingo, an arts opportunity, community events and respite programs for families. In 2024 we are working towards growing our respite program and expanding our community opportunities for people with disabilities to be involved in the community.

The Gala is the biggest fundraiser for Citizen Advocates and as you can imagine, community support is the key to the Gala's success. It is only successful because of local individuals **like you** that step up each year to be a supporter of this fun event.

Please take a look at the sponsor levels and be a part of this unique fundraising opportunity that helps Citizen Advocates continue to make a positive difference in the lives of people of all abilities throughout Washington County.

Thank you,

Jessica Frederick

Executive Director

