



I am excited to invite you to be a part of Citizen Advocates' annual fundraiser. In 2024 we have reimagined our "Dancing for a Difference" Gala. This year instead of featuring a few community dancers as part of a dancing competition, we are inviting people of all abilities and special needs to join us for a Diamonds & Denim Prom. The prom will feature dancing, raffles, and snacks. We are working on a few surprises as well. This year's event 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.

This event has historically been the biggest fundraiser for Citizen Advocates and as we reimagine the event, your support is still important. We are only to fulfill our mission because of 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 opportunity that helps Citizen Advocates continue to make a positive difference in the lives of people of all abilities throughout Washington County. We hope you can join us on May 3 as we dance the night away and celebrate everyone's unique abilities.

Thank you,

*Jessica Frederick*

Executive Director

