

# VersAbility's 70th Anniversary

# Gala

*Celebrating 70 Years of  
Supporting People of ALL Abilities*



Dear Community Partner,

In 1953, families in our region who had loved ones with a disability were told the best thing they could do for them was send them away to an institution – segregated institutions at that time. But these courageous families on whose shoulders we stand today said absolutely not. They refused to send their loved ones away.

They knew then what we know now. People with disabilities thrive when they are celebrated for their abilities, not defined by their disability. People with disabilities thrive when they remain part of a community, not sent away. And perhaps most importantly of all, people with disabilities thrive when they have purpose in work.

The organization started with families determined enough to buck the system that they were willing to stand on corners to collect change to fund the mission.

Since 1953 the organization has evolved into the VersAbility Resources you know today and has grown into the largest service provider for people with disabilities in southeastern Virginia. We haven't grown just for growth's sake. We've grown because of the incredible need and our clear mission.

This year we celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VersAbility Resources. Fueled by the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, supporters and partners, we have witnessed incredible transformations and triumphs for people with disabilities of all ages.

We're ready to take on the next 70 years and on Thursday, October 24, 2024 hope you will join us to celebrate the past, present and future of VersAbility Resources at our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Hosted at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, the evening will feature live music by Brasswind, a plated dinner, a special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation, silent auction and more!

With your generosity and support, we will be able to raise vital funds for VersAbility's local programs and services provided to people of all abilities and ages, including early childhood, day support, residential and diverse employment opportunities. We look forward to you joining us in celebration of 70 years of service to people with disabilities and preparing for 70 more years ahead!

Sincerely,

Kasia Grzelkowski  
President/CEO

# Gala

October 24, 2024

Mariners' Museum | Newport News, VA

## Presenting Sponsor - \$50,000

- Two reserved tables for 16 guests with preferred seating.
- Invitation to private VIP Reception preceding event for all 16 guests including early access to silent auction and bar.
- Champagne welcome and commemorative gift for table guests.
- 1-minute sponsored video highlighting business and partnership to be placed on event webpage prior to event as well as shown during event remarks.
- Prominent name/logo recognition onsite and in all marketing collateral, including on website with link to company site, and company banner to be displayed at event.
- Recognition of your generosity by the emcee during event remarks.
- Name/logo Recognition on VersAbility's social media platforms.
- Full page color advertisement in event program.
- Company name and logo included in VersAbility's post-event press release and blog.

## Ability Leader - \$25,000

- One reserved table for eight guests with preferred seating.
- Invitation to private VIP Reception preceding event for all eight guests including early access to silent auction and bar.
- Champagne welcome for table guests.
- 30-second sponsored video highlighting business and partnership to be placed on event webpage prior to event as well as shown during event remarks.
- Name/logo recognition onsite, in marketing collateral, and on VersAbility website.
- Name/logo recognition on VersAbility's social media platforms.
- Half-page color advertisement in event program.
- Company name included in post-event press release and blog.

## Ability Partner - \$15,000

- One table for eight guests.
- Name/logo recognition onsite, in marketing collateral, and on VersAbility website.
- Name/logo recognition on VersAbility's social media platforms.
- Company name included in post-event press release and blog.
- Quarter-page color advertisement in event program.

## Ability Advocate - \$7,000

- Four complimentary tickets.
- Name recognition onsite, in event program, and on VersAbility website.
- Name recognition on VersAbility's Facebook page.

## Ability Supporter - \$5,000

- Two complimentary tickets.
- Name recognition onsite, in event program, and on VersAbility website.

## Table Sponsor - \$2,500

- Two complimentary tickets.
- Name recognition in event program.

**For more information, contact:**

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Register for a Sponsorship or Purchase Your Tickets Today!

VersAbility Resources — **where ability meets opportunity** — proudly serves Hampton Roads, the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck with services and support that help people with disabilities lead fulfilling lives of their choosing.



## HISTORY

VersAbility Resources was founded in 1953 by a group of parents who believed in a fulfilling life of purpose and belonging for their loved ones. Since then, the nonprofit has grown to serve more than 1,500 people with disabilities annually through programs including early childhood, day support, residential and various employment opportunities. VersAbility is marking its 70th anniversary in 2024.

## PROGRAMS



### EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

VersAbility's Early Prevention and Intervention for Children program assists infants and toddlers with disabilities ages 0 to 3 years old by tailoring therapy programs so each child is prepared for success in school, work and life. The program also educates and supports parents through wrap-around services.



### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

VersAbility employees with disabilities provide nationwide, mission-essential services for our nation's military every day. Jobs include loading food on ships for the Navy, carrying the mail for the Air Force, manufacturing eyeglasses, handling classified mail, administrative and human resources support and more.



### COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

VersAbility provides a skilled workforce to perform a variety of contract work for business partners. We support regional and international companies through production, manufacturing, X-Ray digitization and paper scanning, logistics, assembly and more.



### SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

VersAbility recruits and trains qualified employees with disabilities to work directly for regional businesses. Job Coaches provide ongoing training and support at no cost to the employer. Employers benefit from hiring talented, dependable and engaged employees with low turnover.



### RESIDENTIAL

Our eight houses in Hampton, Newport News and York County provide safe, supportive homes for adults with disabilities. Skilled and caring staff provide support 24/7/365.



### DAY SUPPORT

VersAbility offers engaging activities and learning experiences for older individuals and those with more significant disabilities at sites in Hampton, Newport News and Gloucester. People with disabilities benefit from a range of skill-building activities, enjoy volunteer opportunities, take part in arts and leisure programs, explore parks and museums and participate in community events.

## LEADERSHIP

**Kasia Grzelkowski**  
CEO & President





# NUMBERS SERVED

562

EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
SERVICES



357

GOVERNMENT  
CONTRACTS



16



COMMERCIAL  
CONTRACTS

SUPPORTED  
EMPLOYMENT

(includes Future of Work)

499



33

RESIDENTIAL



67

DAY  
SUPPORT



## LOCATIONS

Find VersAbility Resources  
offices at a variety of locations.

### VersAbility Resources Headquarters

2520 58th Street  
Hampton, VA 23661  
(757) 896-6461

### Envisions Day Support and Community Living Offices

11830 Fishing Point Drive, Suite 213  
Newport News, VA 23606  
(757) 896-8454

### Lewis B. Puller Center

6750 Main Street, Suite 100B  
Gloucester, VA 23061  
(804) 693-3114

### Norfolk Office

8401 Hampton Boulevard  
Norfolk, VA 23505  
(757) 443-1177

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We envision a world where people with disabilities enjoy dignified,  
productive lives of their choosing as fully accepted members of society.