

May 24, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation/introduction on behalf of Jonathan Dormire. I have known Jonathan for four years. I am his Independent Living Coordinator for RRCI. Jonathan has been an active participant in the Community/Social/Recreation programs offered by RRCI since I have known him. We have been on plenty of adventures and learned lots of things together!

Jonathan is competitively employed in his community (two jobs). Jonathan works at Dixie Nutrition and at My Place Hotel in Hurricane. Pre-pandemic Jonathan worked at the Arby's in Hurricane for several years. Jonathan is well-known in our community as a hard worker and the guy with the "best smile".

I have always been impressed with Jonathan's ability to advocate for himself and the interest that he has in advocating for others. He is interested and knowledgeable about how to research, use technology, and works to understand the "system". Jonathan has been effective with advocacy in the past. He proudly contacted the "right" people to report and request repair on a broken sidewalk that was affecting his safety on his daily commute on his scooter as he was going to work. Jonathan successfully advocated for change and saw results. A result of his diligence was to see the sidewalk fixed for himself and others in the community to safely access the community.

Jonathan arranged for the Hurricane Mayor, Nannette Billings, to attend the Disability Empowerment Support Group last week. The group was able to address issues/concerns regarding accessibility in our community, public transportation, and point out safety concerns with crossing busy streets. This was a successful and worthwhile advocacy project.

"Disabled people are experts on the lived experience of disability". Jonathan is a smart, capable, young man who faces several challenges each day with determination, a big heart, and always, with a smile. I highly recommend Jonathan be considered for the RRCI Board of Directors.

Very Sincerely,



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