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As an uncle of one of Partnerships in Community Living's clients, I see first hand how he, and all of PCL's clients are taken such great care of by their Direct Support Professionals (DSP). Without this help, by not only the DSP's, but by the entirety of PCL's organization, my nephew would not be getting the much needed care that he requires. These hardworking professionals take great pride in making certain that their clients needs are met, and their is dignity in their lives.

The wage earned by the DSP's is inadequate, especially considering the care and compassion they put forth every single day. Their work is demanding, both physically, and emotionally. Yet, they continue to show up, give 100% to their clients, and treat them as if they were family.

Please take a moment to envision that you have a child or sibling, one who has an intellectual and or/developmentally disability, and they are being taken care of by a Direct Support Provider who's wage is inadequate, considering that which they do, day in and day out. Surely you would want your family member's DSP to be compensated with a sustainable living wage.

Partnerships in Community Living must do fund raisers in order to meet the needs of their clients, and keep the entire organization running. If you, the Legislators, have not attended a fundraiser with PCL, then may I suggest you consider doing so. June 22nd brings the Summer Solstice Benefit Auction, which is a fun and exciting evening of exceptional art to bid on, a great meal to enjoy, and a wonderful way to get to know the incredible people who are PCL. There is also the Christmas In August Golf Fundraiser August 2nd, an opportunity to do an 18 hole round, and a wonderful lunch awaiting you after the tournament. Go to; pclpartnership.org