

Growing up, I have always seen myself wanting to help with anything and everything. I see myself as a caring, empathetic person who wants to change someone's perspective on life. I challenge myself to take on more in order to make others benefit. When working with the clients of Rise, they have truly made me the best version of myself I never would have expected. They have taught me to have patience, the ability to see how something so minor can turn their world upside down. They have helped me learn lessons I would have never expected. Most importantly, they have made me so honored to be able to help guide them through life. I take pride in knowing that I am able to do something everyday that will help them live their life to the fullest. Today, I am taking the time to explain the importance of how funding is detrimental for our clients to live their lives to the fullest capability. The reason I state this is because I have been working with Rise for the past 9 months and it has shown that to be able to have clients experience and learn how life works, there has to be fundage to do so. On a daily basis, our job is to teach and encourage our clients to learn how to take care of their hygiene, their nutritional health, and what they will need to do to make it in this world. Without it, where would the clients be? These clients are here to be supported 24/7, 365 days a year. These clients have goals that lead to their independence, as we all do. Having financial support is how we can make those goals happen and help them succeed, learn, and grow in this world. Rise is here to make opportunities for and with people, in order to do that, we need funding. Without financial resources, how are clients able to go out into the community and learn social norms, what to spend their money on, what not. How are they able to go to a place without a vehicle if they are unable to walk? Who is there to support them when they are overwhelmed in the community? These are only some of the questions one could ask out of hundreds. Our clients need to be able to have support due to the fact that they are getting a late start on what we have all learned. They need patience, understanding, a helping hand, someone who can take the time to be there for them when going through a hard time. As to why I ask this question again, without funding where would the clients be? As you take the time to think about this question, I would like to thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Lead Staff for Rise Services inc.

KaTeena Pegram

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KaTeena Pegram', written in a cursive style.