

Dear Friend of the LDA of WNY,

Did you know that **20,000 students in Western New York receive Special Education services?** That's **1 out of every 5 students.**

Most students receive the services and supports they need to be successful throughout their educational careers. However, there are times when students don't receive all of the help they need, causing **parents to have to fight for their child's right to a free and appropriate public education.**

I'd like to introduce you to Kaitlynn. Kaitlynn is a 15-year-old girl who has been diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder and depression.



Kaitlynn loves theater and attended a public school where she was able to grow her love for the fine arts, while receiving special education services. **However, as Kaitlynn's needs grew, the services and accommodations that the school could provide did not.**

Phylicia met with Kaitlynn and her mother, Jennifer, to ensure that she would receive the services and accommodations she needed to be successful throughout her high school years. Phylcia attended Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings, accompanied the family on tours of alternative placement settings, and answered all of Jennifer's questions.

"Phylicia is awesome. She understands and is willing to go the extra mile. She's been amazing helping me work with the school system, to make it work the way it's supposed to."

All Kaitlynn wants is the public education she deserves. With Phylcia's help, she was moved to a day treatment setting that is better able to meet her needs. Kaitlynn is thriving, and hopes to finish school and move on to post-secondary education. **The help of an educational advocate will make this possible.**

At the LDA of WNY, we believe that every individual, even those with disabilities, can be successful at school, at work, in relationships, and in the community. Our goal is to ensure such opportunities exist.

We have made progress, but our journey isn't over. As long as students like Kaitlynn are in school, we won't stop advocating for them. **Please help us give children opportunities to succeed by donating to our Education Fund today.**

Thank you for your generosity.



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