



**Fifth Annual
IVCIL Wheel-A-Thon**
Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
At Baker Lake
Airport Road (Chartres Street), Peru
Benefiting IVCIL

Dear Friend of IVCIL:

Planning and preparations for the Fifth Annual Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL) Wheel-A-Thon are well underway, and our goal is to raise \$15,001! To reach this goal, we need your help.

The Wheel-A-Thon supports the work of IVCIL, an organization that offers opportunities for people with disabilities in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, and Stark to live active, productive lives.

The Fifth Annual IVCIL Wheel-A-Thon, which will occur on June 5th, 2010, serves two purposes:

1. To raise community awareness of the issues involved when using a wheelchair for mobility and the importance of accessibility. People with *and* without a disability participate in the Wheel-A-Thon by using a wheelchair to negotiate an approximate one-mile route.
2. To raise much-needed funds for IVCIL. Our goals this year are to recruit 100 participants and corporate sponsors and to raise \$15,001.

This past year, IVCIL helped approximately 1,000 people with disabilities and their families throughout central Illinois to gain greater independence. However, in this area, there are an estimated 27,610 people with disabilities. While many of these are living the lives of their choosing, many more are not. There is much work to be done by IVCIL, and you can help.

Due to state funding cuts to IVCIL, your Wheel-A-Thon contributions are more important than ever! All contributions will ensure that people with disabilities will continue to receive support from IVCIL.

The success of the IVCIL Wheel-A-Thon relies on people, and there are two ways you can contribute to this success. You can participate in the event individually or as a team, and/or you can make a financial contribution in support of the event. Please contact IVCIL for more information or kindly send your gift.

Your support of the Wheel-A-Thon will be very helpful and much appreciated. If you have any questions, please call IVCIL's Associate Director, Brian Szuda, at 815-224-3126 Voice/TTY. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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