

Program Newsletter

UNITED VOICES 2025

This month, ADAPT's actors gathered at the Pelham program to present United Voices (2025), a production that shared their day-to-day experiences, hopes for the future, and their best dance moves; featuring scenes and stories from every stage of the project's 6-year development.

More than 30 participants worked tirelessly to prepare to share their stories. Over 150 audience members, including family, staff, and peers, laughed and cried throughout the powerful performance.



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UNITED VOICES IN ASL



The closing performance of United Voices 2025 was made accessible with ASL interpretation, welcoming Deaf participants from across ADAPT programs. Audience members were thrilled to reunite with old friends and connect with new ones. The front row was filled entirely with Deaf attendees, highlighting the importance of inclusive performances. The event reminded everyone of the value of accessibility and community connection.

A DAY AT THE US OPEN

Sports lovers had the exciting chance to attend the US Open, where each person received a gift card for food or souvenirs. They watched Venus Williams compete, an unforgettable moment for tennis fans. For some, it was their first time at the tournament, making the experience especially memorable. Laughter and joy filled the day, even with a playful photo-bomb from a staff member at the event.



PATH TO INDEPENDENCE TREE



Participants of the Path to Independence class proudly completed their class, the Path to Independence Tree. More than just artwork, this tree is a powerful symbol of our community. The tree was created with over 300 pieces of felt and paper, representing both effort and collaboration. Apples on the branches display each person's personal goals, celebrating achievements while looking ahead to the future. With roots symbolizing values and leaves representing support, the tree stands as a reminder that independence is a shared journey.

CROCHET & CREATIVITY IN PRINT

Anastacia has been growing her crochet business and decided to design business cards to match her vision. Using Canva for the first time, she created her own unique design. The cards came out beautifully, showcasing both her creativity and professionalism. She is excited to share them as her business continues to thrive.



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL LIBRARY



Participants from the Inwood Day Program explored the newly rebuilt, fully accessible Inwood branch library in Manhattan. They met with a librarian to learn about the building and resources available, like community programs, newspapers, books, and classes. One participant, Fernando, shared how much he loves the library, saying, "It's so close to the program and I like reading and getting free newspapers." The self-advocates encourage every New Yorker to frequent their local branch library as a way to support the public library system, gain knowledge, and bond with their fellow neighbors.

FEATURED ARTWORK: SUMMER CAMP BY LISSETTE VEGA

Each month, we will feature a piece of art to showcase the creativity of the artists and photographers supported by ADAPT. The month of August was huge for Lissette Vega, as it marked the completion of one of her most ambitious paintings yet, Summer Camp. She dedicated months to carefully studying color theory as she worked on the complex composition. The painting truly came to life when she added her friends, staff, and other people supported at her Flushing Day Program into the composition. The result is a vibrant piece that reflects both her skill and her community.



Future Dates to Remember

9/15: Smartphone
Photography in
Pelham Bay Park

9/17: Chamber Music
Concert at Alice Tully
Hall

9/19: Sixties Surreal
at the Whitney
Museum

9/23: Deaf
Awareness Game at
Yankee Stadium

9/26: Maestros and
the Machines at
Mercer Labs

10/7: Bronx Little
Italy Tour

10/10: Photography
in Prospect Park



ADAPT'S GOT KNOWLEDGE

★ ALL STAR EDITION ★

Tuesday September 23rd , 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Live at 175 Lawrence Avenue
& On WACN

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