

Program Newsletter

A WIN FOR ADVOCACY

Christopher Taylor was elected to the Brooklyn seat on the Self Advocacy Association of New York State (SANYS) Board of Directors following months of dedicated campaigning and outreach. Throughout the process, he visited day habilitation centers across Brooklyn to connect with fellow self-advocates and share his vision for inclusive leadership. His campaign highlighted years of advocacy experience, including elected leadership within ADAPT Community Network and efforts to improve accessibility and funding for essential supports. As part of a statewide board elected by self-advocates, this milestone reflects the continued strength and impact of self-advocacy across New York State.



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BACKSTAGE AT THE MUSICAL REVUE



CAPTURING THE SEASON

ADAPT photographers ventured to the heart of New York City to photograph one of the most iconic holiday scenes in the world—the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. Surrounded by glowing lights, towering skyscrapers, and the buzz of the city, the atmosphere was pure magic. From the early morning calm to the energy of the evening crowds, every moment offered a new perspective. The reflections off the ice rink, the warm glow of the lights against the winter sky, and the timeless elegance of Rockefeller Center made this shoot unforgettable.

It's showtime! This backstage moment from one of our Musical Revue tech rehearsals captured the teamwork and dedication that brought the production to life. Participants worked closely together to fine-tune timing, cues, and transitions as they prepared for the big show. Their hard work, focus, and collaboration were evident throughout the process—and it truly shone on stage.



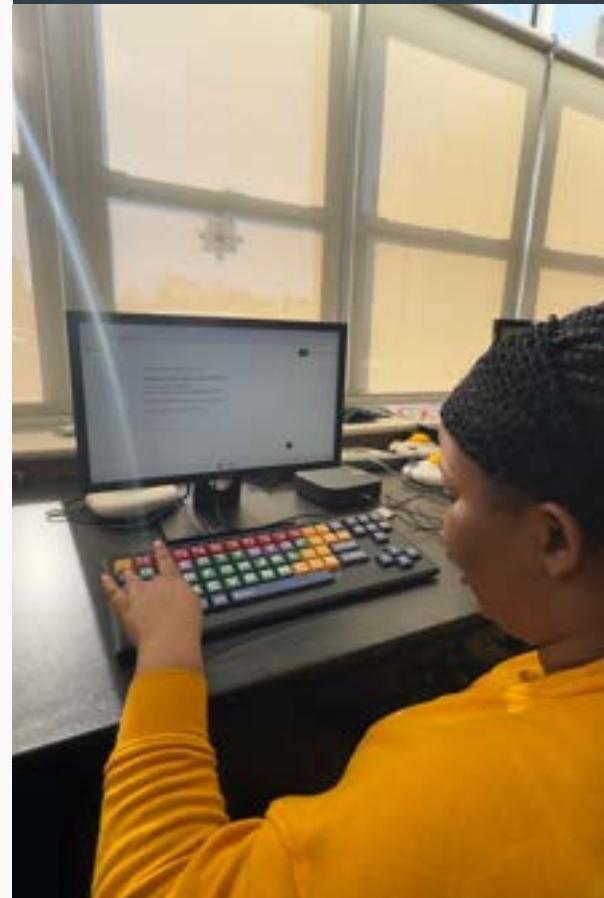
POSITIVE EXPOSURE GALLERY



The Positive Exposure Gallery showcased original pieces from ADAPT artists. The exhibition highlighted creativity, self-expression, and the power of sharing personal stories through art. Pictured above is one participant standing confidently with their featured piece displayed behind them, capturing a meaningful moment of pride and accomplishment.

EXPLORING AI TOOLS

Participants used the computer lab to learn and practice using artificial intelligence as an educational and creative tool. Through hands-on activities, they explored how AI can support storytelling by creating fictional narratives inspired by personal interests such as dance and Caribbean culture. These sessions encouraged creativity, digital confidence, and curiosity about emerging technology. This work builds on recent momentum from a City Council discretionary funding grant awarded to support AI education for people with disabilities through the Community Outreach team.



SERVING WITH HEART



In partnership with LIFT Community Food Pantry, ADAPT volunteers supported a meaningful community event in anticipation of Christmas, helping provide patrons with a healthy meal featuring a variety of healthy foods. The three-hour volunteer effort took place entirely outdoors in chilly weather, making the experience both challenging and rewarding. Seeing the smiles and appreciation from community members made it all worthwhile. Participants also helped distribute fresh produce, various meats, non-perishable items, and plenty of care to share.

ART HIGHLIGHT: DEER IN THE WINTER DREAMSCAPE

Deer in the Winter Dreamscape is a serene and imaginative artwork created by artists at 5030 Broadway. The piece captures a quiet winter moment, blending nature and creativity through soft details and a dreamlike atmosphere. It reflects thoughtful observation, artistic expression, and a deep appreciation for seasonal beauty.



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Future Dates to Remember

2/3: SANYS Meeting

2/7: Ice Fishing

2/17: Chinatown
Lunar New Year
Celebration

2/18: Brooklyn
Museum

2/19: Advisory
Council at Flushing

2/20: Jewelry of the
Afrofuture at the
Museum of Arts and
Design

2/23: Elevator
Protest Rally

2/25: Wednesdays at
One: Music for Brass

2/28: American Sign
Language Tour:
Seydou Keïta at the
BK Museum

ADAPT THE RUNWAY



February 25th, 2026
3127 Wilkinson Avenue
11AM-12PM

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