Speaker Luncheon

Speaker: Adria Nassim
Monday, March 21, 11:30 a.m.
Autism/Special Needs Advocate and Herald-Times Columnist

A New Leash on Life

Adria Nassim will discuss her experience with a service dog as well as what service dogs may be trained to do to assist clients on the autism spectrum. Adria’s former service dog, Lucy, is now retired. She is currently working with her new service dog Thomas, also known as "Mr. T," who she was matched with through the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) based in Zionsville, IN. Thomas is trained to assist with a diagnosis of autism and cerebral palsy. He will demonstrate some of his cues as well. Adria is asking members to not pet or otherwise interact with the dog. Thank you!

Adria Nassim is originally from Floyd County, IN. She came to Bloomington in 2008 to attend the College Internship Program’s Bloomington campus. CIP Bloomington is a private, independent living, social skills, academic, vocational development and mental health support program for young adults with autism spectrum disorders and learning disabilities. After three and a half years of services, she graduated the program in 2013 and now lives in Bloomington and writes a column in The Herald-Times focusing on autism and disability. She is also working part-time for IU’s Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Adria serves on the board for the Monroe County Autism Foundation and enjoys swimming, reading, and politics.

FOR RESERVATIONS:
The presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Presidents’ Room. The presentation is free for members and their guests. Lunch will follow in the Tudor Room around 12:40-12:45 p.m. Lunch is on your own. Please let us know if you plan on attending the presentation and/or lunch so we can call in an accurate reservation count for the Tudor Room. Only credit or debit card payments are accepted at the Tudor Room.

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