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## **Abilities in Motion Creates Consumer Independence Fund**

**READING, Pennsylvania – November 11, 2024** – *Abilities in Motion* (AIM), an organization focused on providing services, support, and advocacy to help individuals with disabilities live independent and self-determined lives, has established the Abilities In Motion Consumer Independence Fund (CIF) to impact the lives of individuals with disabilities directly. The CIF is designed to remove barriers for individuals with disabilities that prevent independent living at home or in the community.

“The board of directors established this fund to further support AIM’s mission of providing individuals the resources and supports to live independently in the community on their own terms. By providing financial assistance to pay for items like wheelchair batteries, ramps and other barriers to independence, we solidify our commitment to directly serving our local disability community,” stated Michael Gerhard, board chairman. “Our team will work with the individual, family, or representative to determine the need and recommend qualified suppliers or contractors.”

The CIF can also assist individuals in need of other services including van repairs, specialized equipment, transportation to treatment, or other necessary indirect expenses that are not covered by insurance.

“Our goal is to directly impact individuals and families that cannot afford the costs associated with accessibility adaptations or specialized equipment needed to stay or become independent in the community,” added Stephanie Quigley, chief executive officer of Abilities In Motion.

Applications are reviewed monthly by a committee to review eligibility which is determined by an evaluation of available resources. A representative from AIM schedules in-person visits to verify the need for the request. To learn more about Abilities In Motion and review the Consumer Independence Fund application, visit [www.abilitiesinmotion.org](http://www.abilitiesinmotion.org). Completed applications can be mailed to Abilities In Motion at 755 Hiesters Lane, Reading, PA 19605, or emailed to [info@abilitiesinmotion.org](mailto:info@abilitiesinmotion.org).

### **About Abilities in Motion**

Abilities in Motion’s mission is to provide individuals with disabilities the support they need at home and throughout the community here in Berks County. Abilities in Motion offers programs, education, and advocacy that allow people to live more independent lives. More information about the organization’s services and programs is available at: <https://www.abilitiesinmotion.org/programs-services>.

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