



The 5% CAMPAIGN
Committing to Life in the Community for
People with Disabilities & Older Adults

The 5% Campaign- Summer 2014 Messages

Thank you to our legislative leaders for prioritizing The 5% Campaign in the 2014 legislative session. We are deeply appreciative for the support and commitment they have shown to people with disabilities and older adults in Minnesota. The 5% increase that went into effect July 1, 2014 will help to alleviate the crisis caused by years of funding cuts to services.

Moving Ahead: Work Still to Do

- The 5% Campaign is grateful to each of our supporters for successfully advocating for a 5% increase for Home and Community-Based Services in 2014. Funding will help curb high staff turnover, and improve the quality of care for more than 90,000 people with disabilities and older adults receiving services in Minnesota
- The increase is a significant step in the right direction, and demonstrates that Minnesotans value life in the community for people with disabilities and older Minnesotans, as well as their families, workers and our state.
- Moving ahead there is still important work to do. Due to rising costs and growing inflation, past funding cuts to Home and Community-Based Services, increased demand and ongoing needs, future investments are critical.
- Prioritizing funding for quality services for people with disabilities and older adults will ensure that people remain as independent as possible in community settings, provide greater cost-savings for the state, and value the work of direct support professionals and caregivers.