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## Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida Celebrates 40th Anniversary During Month-Long Campaign

The Center's 40th Anniversary and ADA 30th Anniversary celebrations will take place on Website/Facebook: "Honoring Our Past, Planning Our Future."

**PENSACOLA, FL-** The Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida will be having a month-long campaign in July in order to raise awareness and funds so that all individuals in our region, including those with disabilities can have the tools to live their life to the fullest. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign is titled "Honoring Our Past, Planning Our Future" and will take place online via their <u>Facebook page</u>. This campaign will occur between July 1st - 31st and include many activities, including an online auction. Links to all events will be posted on their website and Facebook.

The Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida provides education, advocacy and other services to promote equality, access and inclusion for people with disabilities whose goal is to live independently. They proudly reach people in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties. Their online campaign will provide an opportunity to educate community members about the importance of a society that embraces full inclusion for *all* people and will highlight the history of the CIL's role.

The Center's online auction can be found <u>here</u>, and includes items the public can bid on such as resort stays, dinner and wine packages, and cultural experience in downtown Pensacola.

On Wednesday, July 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm the Center for Independent Living will also be hosting a virtual Sheriff's candidate forum featuring both candidates for Escambia County Sheriff: Chip Simmons, and David Alexander. The forum will focus on questions regarding the sheriff's office and the disability community. Other speakers and future events for the month can be found online <a href="here">here</a>.

To get involved or to make a <u>donation</u>, please join the Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida from July 1st-31st on our <u>Facebook page</u>. If you have any questions, please contact CIL by email at info@cil-drc.org or by phone 850-595-5566.

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