

Board Member Spotlight

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What influenced you to join SIL's Board?

In the winter of 2018, I was fortunate to attend SIL's Leadership Academy. I learned about the skills it takes to effectively participate on a board. After the course ended, and I felt more confident, I found out there was a board vacancy and applied.

What excites you most about the direction of SIL, and how will you contribute to it?

SIL is always striving for inclusion, so I'm very happy about that. What excites me the most is probably that that inclusion no longer only includes "necessities" but participation in every aspect of life.

If you had to choose one thing about SIL that makes you the proudest to be a part of it, what would that be?

As a person who uses a wheelchair and requires assistance, the thing that makes me feel proudest is the PCA program. SIL's PCA program allows the consumer to do the hiring. That feature is so different from many other care assistance programs, which makes me feel like they understand and respect peoples' agency and autonomy.



What's something you saw recently that made you smile?

A friend of mine works for a woman with a 10-year-old son. I gave her a little Simon-style game to give to him. I just received a video of him playing with it. It gave me a big ol' grin.

If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

I'd probably be the black crayon, so I can be a part of almost of drawing

What's one song or artist that you're embarrassed to admit you like?

"Heartbreaker" by Mariah Carey