

What a Difference a Year Makes!

Just a year ago, as the pandemic shut down most of New York (including SDMNY's offices) we began to experiment with remote facilitation meetings.



Supporter from NC

One of our very first "Good News" featured a Supporter attending from North Carolina, exclaiming how excited and happy she was that she could participate in supporting her godson, James.

Well, almost exactly a year later, James and his family celebrated the signing of his SDMA in a moving ceremony at their home on the Lower East Side– with that very same Supporter, still in North Carolina, beaming with pride and joy. And rightly so. James is a wonderful young man who came to us through an info session we did at the Manhattan Family & Professional Resources Fair. He is curious about the world of otters, icy moons, military history, and animation, and is learning Spanish on Duo Lingo.

James also sees himself, and his decision to work toward an SDMA with SDMNY as pioneering, demonstrating how SDM makes it possible for him and other people with developmental disabilities to make their own decisions. At his signing he said:

"Even though I have autism I am capable of doing many things...capable doing something big–like I voted in the election, I got my own money, my own will. This [signing the SDMA] will be going down in history, history for the children for years from now. This could be a start for myself and for everyone else."



You got that right, James!
Congratulations to you and your Supporters,
from N.Y. to N.C.