

Our 5-year, DDPC grant ended this Wednesday, March 31, but, the (very) Good News is

WE'RE STILL HERE!

We are grateful to DDPC for “thinking big” and giving us the time to figure out how best to enable people with I/DD to make their own decisions with the support of trusted persons in their lives through our 3-phase facilitation process. It definitely “takes a village,” and all of you, Decision-Makers, family members, Supporters, Facilitators, Advisory Council members, partners and friends have made it possible for us to accomplish so much. But because of Covid-19, a great deal of what we planned for our fifth and final year was cancelled or put on hold, and we clearly needed more time to get everything done. We are incredibly proud that the Ford Foundation has recognized the importance and quality of SDMNY’s work, and has awarded us a \$250,000 grant for an

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so that we can meet all our goals—and then some! We’re still looking for additional funding, and we won’t be doing everything that we have in the past, but we will be working to get legal recognition for the decisions made with SDMAs, and to make sure that, going forward, everyone who wants to use facilitation to make an SDMA can get it, wherever they live, and regardless of their ability to pay. Big dreams, to be sure, but with Ford’s help, and all of your continued support, we’re definitely on the way!