

This week's Good News is that it's Independence Day weekend and we're (mostly, at least) taking it off.



Photograph: Connie Lee / Zaq Landsberg's "Reclining Liberty, 2021"

(see information on *Reclining Liberty* below)

We'll be back next week with news of more wonderful SDMA signings and other accomplishments, but for now, on this national holiday, we have a lot to celebrate:

We got through a terrible year, and came out the other side;  
We have constantly been moved and inspired by the courage and kindness of others, even as we remember those we have lost;  
Despite so many obstacles, we have been able to carry on the important work of promoting the right of everyone to make their own decisions, regardless of disability;  
We have been able to secure the resources to carry on for another year, to finish our work and meet our goals;  
We have been blessed to be part of an amazing community of Decision-Makers, their Supporters and families, our volunteer Facilitators, and so many others who are truly committed to



**INDEPENDENCE,**



autonomy and dignity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

And that's worth celebrating!

**HAVE A GREAT-AND RELAXING- HOLIDAY WEEKEND!**

The installation, *Reclining Liberty*, is sponsored by the Friends of Morningside Park, Marcus Garvey Park Alliance, LMCC (Lower Manhattan Cultural Council), New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, New York State Council on the Arts, and Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation (UMEZ) and is located on a sloping hill near 120th Street and Morningside Avenue through April 2022.