

## A JOYOUS SDMA SIGNING CELEBRATION

It may be a cliché, but it's also sometimes true—that a picture is worth a thousand words. That was more than proven at the SDMA signing celebration for Decision-Maker Elizabeth held last week. Elizabeth, 22, is a graduate of the Cooke School and, since 2019, has lived in the amazing Triform Community in Columbia County (for more information about Triform and its international parent organization, Camphill, see the link below) In addition to her housemates, virtually all of her extraordinary group of supporters—spanning three generations!—were able to be present, as was her Facilitator, our own Joan Cornachio. Instead of the usual Zoom pictures, they were able to capture the joyous event in real photographs which made us smile so much that we wanted to share them here.



Elizabeth's grandfather Tom



Caregiver Nora and Elizabeth



Elizabeth, Catherine, John, and Ben



Elizabeth

After Elizabeth signed her SDMA, she thanked everyone by name, saying "I feel proud of myself" The remarks of her supporters that followed, from her mom Catherine, stepdad John, step siblings Ben and Charlotte, cousin Emily, housemate and caregiver Nora, dear family friend Lynn and Grandpa Tom echoed the pride and love they felt for her and her accomplishments, and gratitude for the SDM facilitation process that will allow her, as Catherine said "to make her own decisions, about her own life, for her own self."

**CONGRATULATIONS ELIZABETH, ALL YOUR LOVING SUPPORTERS,  
AND FACILITATOR JOAN**