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WHO: ADAPT
WHAT: ADAPT 2017 FUN*RUN Annual Fundraiser
WHERE: Upper Senate Park, Washington, DC
WHEN: Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:30-3:30 PM

ADAPT Goes to the Dogs!

In honor of our service and companion animals, who make much of what we do possible, ADAPT has chosen to have our furry critters up front and center as the grand marshals of this year's Fun*Run. Our Fun*Run is our annual fundraiser in which we walk, run and roll laps around the Upper Senate Park, while asking our friends and supporters from around the country to pledge donations for each lap.

Twice a year activists with disabilities gather from around the country to protest laws, regulations and policies that force them into nursing facilities. Many members of ADAPT give up meals and other necessities throughout the year to scrape together money for the airfare that will allow them to gather and make their voices heard. Were it not for our Fun*Run sponsors we simply couldn't afford the additional expenses of hotel rooms.

We are pleased that the supports of sponsors have given us the means to win many victories, including Money Follows the Person, in which individuals in nursing homes can move into their own apartments and use their nursing facility funding to purchase attendant services. We also achieved passage of the Community First Choice Option, which allows states to fund community supports for everyone who qualifies for nursing facility services. However, all of these victories are now at risk and it is more important than ever for us to unite and fight for our rights and freedom!

Our Fun*Run will kick off a week of actions/protests and political activities to secure our right to live in our communities. We invite all who share our passion for equal rights to join us and to sponsor a Fun*Runner! Our history, the issues we are fighting for and our activities can be followed on our web site at www.adapt.org, our [ADAPT Facebook](#) page and Twitter – look for #ADAPTandRESIST.

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