

16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

## A DISABILITY ROADMAP FOR AN INCLUSIVE LIFE

#### **FEATURING:**

## Daniel & Samuel Habib and Bridget & Nancy Brown

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2023 WHERE: Spalding Pastoral Center

419 NE Madison Ave Peoria, IL 61603

**COST: \$20/family member, \$30/professional REGISTER: Family Conference Registration Form** 

Transition planning for children begins in preschool and continues through high school. An early start ensures children develop the skills needed to make choices (self-direction), use their voices (advocate), develop social/emotional skills, and are included in typical activities and have access to general education curriculum and are exposed to careers and vocations.



\*Breakfast items, snacks, & box lunches provided. Those with allergies or dietary restrictions are invited to being their own lunches

#### **SCHEDULE**

MORNING
Keynote Presentations by
Dan & Samuel Habib

AFTERNOON
Breakout Sessions

Session A: Parents of Early
Childhood & Elementary
Age Children
Session B: Parents of Junior
High & High School Age
Youth

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WITH DISABILITIES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
WITH A PARENT OR
GUARDIAN. THERE IS NO
REGISTRATION FEE FOR
THE STUDENT

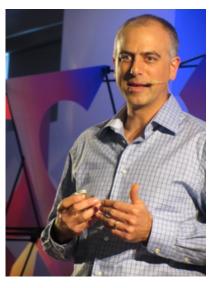
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN STARTS AT 8:15 WITH THE CONFRENCE BEGINNING AT 9AM AND CONCLUDING AT 3:30 PM

## ILLINOIS FAMILY LEADERS COLLABORATION



### **Dan Habib**

Keynote Speaker: Filmmaker, public speaker, and disability rights advocate



Samuel Habib, is a high school graduate and community college student currently pursuing a career as a multimedia storyteller and had a paid job at a video production studio. In 2016, he created a film about disability rights leader Judith Heumann, that was featured in the Breaking Down Barriers Film Festival in Moscow, Russia. Samuel also helped Dan create the nationally broadcast film Mr. Connolly Has ALS. Samuel uses a wheelchair for mobility and a communication device to express himself. In addition to exploring his current and future academic and career options, Samuel also navigates significant, chronic health challenges.

Dan Habib is the Inclusive **Communities Project Director at** the Westchester Institute for **Human Development. He is the** creator of award-winning documentary films and short films on disability-related topics. In 2014, Habib was appointed by **President Barack Obama to the** President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities—a committee that promotes policies and initiatives that support independence and lifelong inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.



# Samuel Habib Co-Speaker:



Bridget Brown is a national public speaker, leader & advocate who inspires people to "Dwell in Possibility". She has never let the fact that she has Down Syndrome stop her from reaching her dreams