HEALTH DISPARITIES

“we were all caught in the same coronavirus storm, but we soon saw that some were weathering it in ocean liners and some in inner tubes. Some even clinging barely to a piece of driftwood. We are in different -size vessels, facing the same storm.”

“I felt invisible….”

EQUALITY IS LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR ANYONE WHO HAS THE MEANS TO APPROACH IT; EQUITY IS ENSURING THERE IS A PATHWAY TO THAT DOOR FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.
Caroline Beldon in the Equity vs. Equality Series, The Inclusion Solution
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A MUP designation applies to medical, behavioral, and dental health care

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Benefits of a MUP designation

A MUP designation unlocks access to:

- **Grants to support primary care services;**
- **Provider Loan-Repayment programs**
- **Grants to support health research;**
- **Support for training and recruitment of health professionals;**
- **Enhanced payment for FQHCs and Look-A-Likes meeting requirements under §330 of the PHS Act.**

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"PUBLIC HEALTH IS A POWERFUL TOOL TO LEVEL THAT PLAYING FIELD, TO BEND THE ARC OF OUR COUNTRY AWAY FROM DISTRUST AND DISPARITIES AND BACK TOWARDS EQUITY AND JUSTICE."

– LEANA S. WEN

"THERE IS NO GREATER POWER ON THIS EARTH THAN STORY."

LIBBA BRAY

Meghan Trainor Training…”all about the base”

- Disability Groups
- Statewide Groups
- Healthcare
- Faith
- Education
- Government
- Connections

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE FIRST….

- WE ARE FAMILY
- WE ARE FRIENDS
- WE ARE CO-WORKERS
- WE ARE CONGREGANTS
- WE ARE MEMBERS
- WE ARE OUR SHARED COMMUNITY

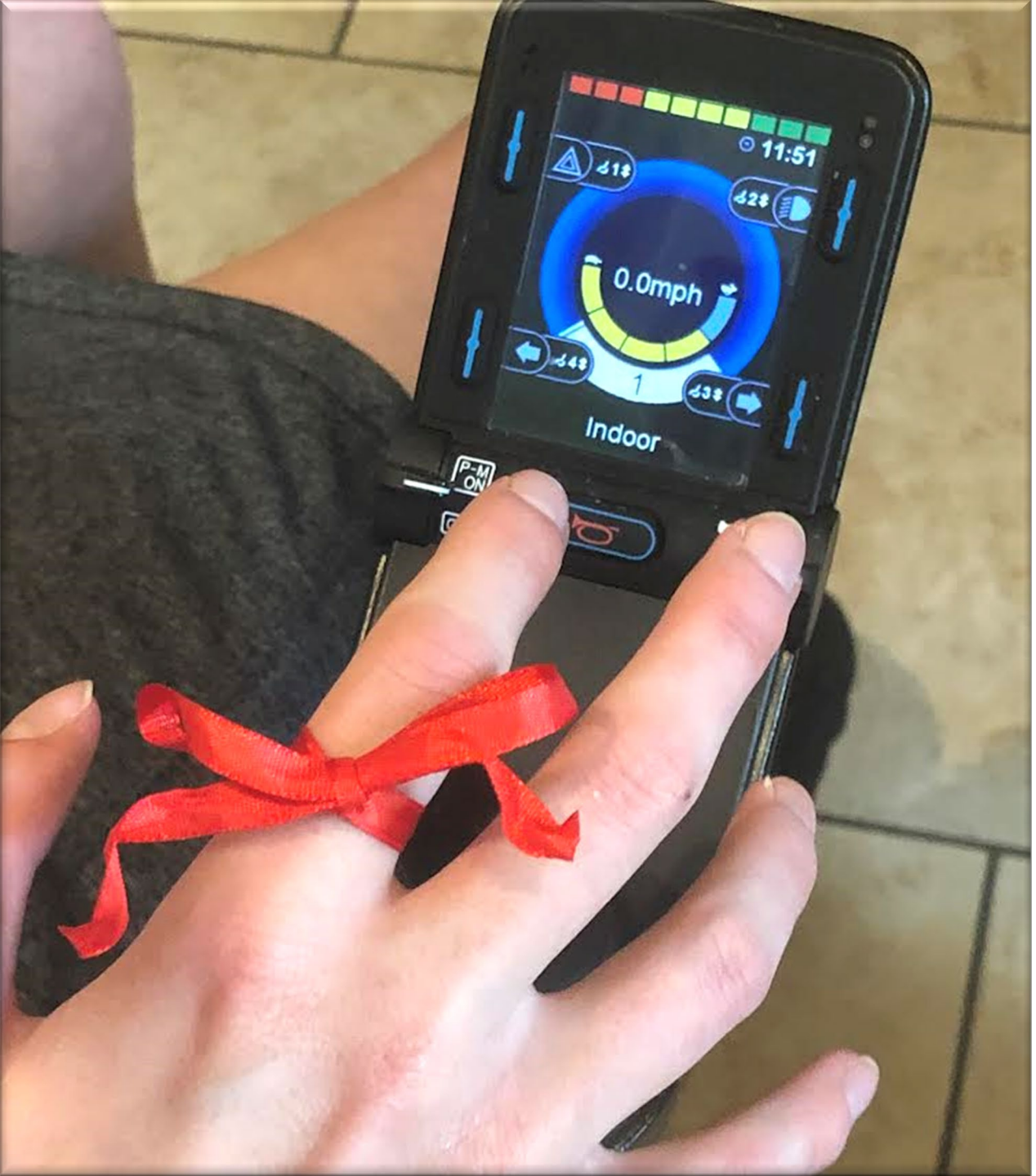
THAT WE BUILD, BLESS, BEAR

TOGETHER

Two years of Christmas gifts… never given..never received…never opened….

Social Determinants of Health

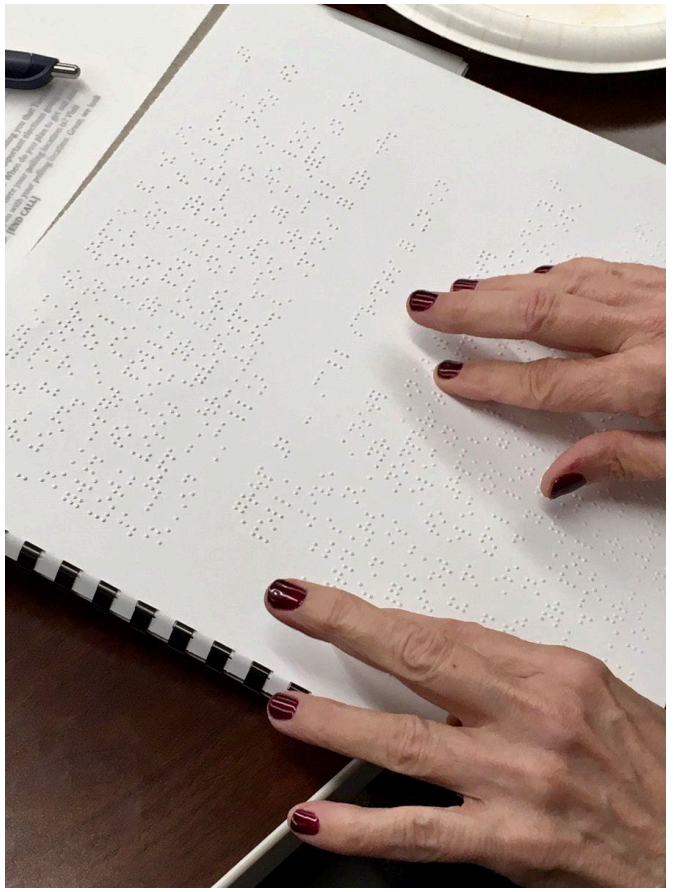
- 40% EMPLOYMENT GAP
- LACK OF AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING
- VIEWED AS:
  - INCONVENIENT
  - INCOMPATIBLE
  - INADEQUATE
  - INVISIBLE
  - IN-VALID



I put a ribbon on my finger to help me to remember things….
Makes me wonder what is needed for leaders to remember to:

* Ask
* Listen
* Involve
* Include

INACCESSIBLE



JUST STOP THIS WAY OF DOING POLICY

THE DIGNITY OF A QUESTION
THE RESPECT OF AN ANSWER

“…to help those who are in need achieve optimal health…”

Persons with disabilities are part of “those” and our community

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Equity is the only acceptable goal.