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People to Achieve Change
Together in South Carolina**

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IMPACT DISCUSSES

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

The Transportation Association of South Carolina (TASC) is an organization that works to provide quality transportation services. TASC members include regional transportation authorities, municipal transit systems, South Carolina Department of Education, Councils on Aging, Disabilities and Special Needs Boards, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), state universities, and other companies.

Recently, Terecia Wilson with TASC spoke to IMPACT members about the needs of transportation in South Carolina. Members learned about the current problems and possible solutions to transportation needs in the future. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. Dependable and affordable transportation continues to be a concern for self advocates across the state. Wilson encouraged members to speak up about the difficulties they encounter with transportation.

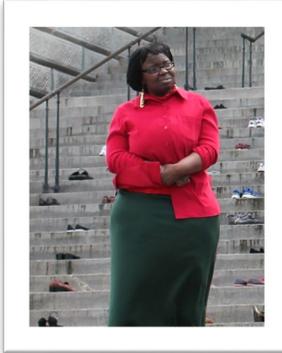
IMPACT MEMBER WINS IN AUSTRIA

The 2017 World Winter Games were held in Austria March 14-25. Two thousand seven hundred (2,700) athletes from one hundred and seven (107) countries participated in the games. Three athletes from South Carolina participated. Competition included figure skating, speed skating, floor hockey, floorball,



snowshoeing, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding and stick shooting. Impact Member, Jackie Hoch, participated in the games and was the 3rd place winner of the Super G Novice. Jackie is from Florence, SC. In addition to Impact SC, Jackie is a member of Our Voices Count Too. Jackie enjoys rock collecting and helping out her friends and family. Congratulations Jackie!

Meet Angela Greene...



Angela Greene is a self advocate from Columbia, SC. She is the Vice President of IMPACT SC. She enjoys reading and listening to music. Angela also enjoys writing poetry. Her poems have been featured as part of the Community

Engagement Day program for several years.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Debra Myers, Devon Knox,
Rasha Graves,
Jayson Legette, Johnathon Brown**



A Real Hero By: Angela Greene

A real hero doesn't need
props for doing good things
He doesn't need special abili-
ties to have a purpose in the
world

A real hero doesn't need signs
on his chest to prove he is
one.

A real hero thinks of others
while he is climbing up in the
world

His abilities come from seeing
that people are happy and that
they are doing what they love
A real hero doesn't need fake
power to make the world bet-
ter

He just needs himself.



THE LONG ROAD HOME

The Long Road Home is about raising awareness. Annually across the US, people come together to hold The Long Road Home events. This campaign started in 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia to highlight the Olmstead Act. One June 22, 1999, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled the individuals with disabilities must be provided services in integrated settings. The Long Road Home strives to highlight the meaning and importance of Olmstead, in which people with disabilities were expressly given the right to live in and receive services in the community. Long Road Home is a civil rights movement. People should not be locked away or segregated because they have a disability.

IMPACT SC is concerned because now years after the Olmstead decision, many states are still not in compliance. IMPACT is working to bring more awareness to the Long Road Home. A statewide conference focusing on the Long Road Home is planned for 2018.