

We are Brendan and Caitlin, siblings who live in McLean, Virginia. We are 27 and 30 years old, respectively. When we were very young, our parents found out that we both had intellectual disabilities. That is a lot for any family to take on, but our parents and our older brother, Michael, are really great and help us with all the challenges in our lives.

We still live at home with mom and dad. I, Caitlin, have an incredible memory for names, dates, and events of everyone I meet! My brother Brendan is really friendly and likes to meet new people. We both stay really busy with Special Olympics swimming.

Even though we were in Special Education our entire lives and people knew we would need some extra help once we graduated, we both finished high school without Medicaid Waivers. Since graduation, we've been waiting every day and hoping that one day we'd get a call saying ID Waivers are available for us both!



*Brendan and Caitlin after a swimming competition*

In the meantime, we are lucky enough to have some funding through Fairfax County



*Brendan hard at work at Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates*

Community Service Board to get us the support we need to be successful on the job. Brendan is in a day program at McLean Bible Church for Adults with Disabilities and works part time at Cameron's Chocolates in Fairfax where he spends a workday making coffee, delicious chocolates, and other treats! Yum. I am part of the day program at Job Discovery, Inc. where I help distribute local newspapers.

Our jobs make us feel like we are valued, contributing members of our community. Yet, we know we can do more! We can be more independent with support and have more choices to live more independent lives if we had the help an ID Waiver would provide. With it we would be able to plan better for our future, where we will live and work and know that we have sustainable employment support funding. It seems like we've been waiting forever and it's scary to not know when our Waivers will come.

You can change our future! Please fund the waiting list for ID and DD Waivers. End the wait, start a life.