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Dear Nebraska Disability Advocates and Allies,

We all know how difficult the last year (plus!) has been for people with disabilities and our families. We've lived with a lot of isolation and anxiety, but we've also learned new skills for social distancing and virtual connections. The entire disability community figured out how to stay connected, continue to learn and advocate for disability rights, and even to have a little bit of fun and nurture friendships along the way.

Now that we are emerging into a safer phase of the pandemic, we are ready to celebrate the resilience and strength of our disability community and to let all of Nebraska know **WE ARE BACK!**

People First of Nebraska and our allies Nebraska Disability Advocate Network are hosting a very different kind of **DISABILITY PRIDE EVENT** this summer. On **Friday, July 23, 2021**, from 2 – 6 pm, we will meet at **Antelope Park in Lincoln, NE** for a statewide advocacy rally and picnic! The event will include visits from elected officials, stories shared by disability advocates from **DIVERSE** walks of life, a presentation on emergency preparedness, an opportunity for self-advocates and families to connect to their Nebraska senators, great food, fun games hosted by Special Olympics, and lots of entertainment!

People First of Nebraska, through funding from the Nebraska Council on Developmental disabilities, is able to provide some funds for the park and equipment rental and entertainment, but we need YOUR groups support to really make this event the **FREE CELEBRATION** it needs to be! We are asking all our allies to contribute to this event to help pay for box lunches, water, ice (it's HOT in JULY!), and all the little extras an event like this needs. Please consider contributing to this event at one of the levels suggested here or through a contribution of food or materials.

RED Level	\$1,000
ORANGE Level	\$750
YELLOW Level	\$500
GREEN Level	\$250
BLUE Level	\$100
PURPLE Level	\$50

We hope that we can count on you to help support self-advocates and families in Nebraska. You can visit our website at www.PeopleFirstNebraska.com/DisabilityPride for more information about the event or to register participants. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us or contact our state coordinator, Kellie Ellerbusch, at 402-559-4892. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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