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## Deaf Inspire, LLC announces a new program for Deaf Plus individuals in Wisconsin!

Deaf Inspire, LLC is proud to announce that as a recipient of the 2nd round of the American Rescue Plan Act: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), it has allowed us to establish a program that is designed to improve self-advocacy amongst individuals who are deaf between the ages of 21-50 years old that also experience additional challenges such as mental health, secondary physical or cognitive disabilities.

This program is modeled after ARCh's Strong Girls Club program, which was successful with the support of grant money from the first round of the American Rescue Plan Act's HCBS grant program. Partnering with ARCh and learning about their experience and success has inspired Katy Hagmeyer, an owner of Deaf Inspire, LLC, to obtain the grant monies to support the historically underserved and low-incidence population.

This project is unique as it will be led and conducted by individuals who are deaf and knowledgeable in deaf culture. The staff and the facilitators will be able to deliver information to the individuals in American Sign Language and tactile communication for those individuals who are deaf and has vision loss. Deaf Inspire, LLC is also excited about the opportunities to partner with various organizations that provide services to the deaf community and bring information and resources directly to those individuals.

It is hoped that by increasing the deaf-plus individuals' capacity with their self-advocacy, employability, and basic life skills, as well as gaining knowledge regarding community resources and information, those individuals could increase their confidence in being a sustaining contributing member of our society.

Deaf Inspire, LLC is committed to our mission of inspiring greatness through purpose, and this program will help those individuals find their purpose in their own communities.