

"The future is with young leaders like Eric."

-Mark Johnson, 2023 Disability History Symposium

10/28/2023

Eric
Dee
Tully
Ben
Jeremiah
Aaron
Kath
David
Deborah
Katherine
Nesbome
Susan
Jennifer

Eric's GIFTS	the DONE list!	NOW	STRENGTHEN	BOLD NEXT STEPS
<p>Persistence & Stamina Willingness to keep trying when things are difficult Eric gets out of his comfort zone - he makes me brave Encourages me that change is possible & you have to try Eric is a Powerful Teacher Eric is a Reliable & Loyal Friend Determination His willingness to share his story to help others Unwavering conviction to ensure things are done right Always full measure, plus some Eric kept his faith in God and his country's ability to care for him and his family Eric is a Spiritual Leader He is growing into a strong, healthy person Handsome Eric shows up as his best self I love my son</p>	<p>Aaron found Jeremia! Eric met w/ his Senator @ the Capitol! Eric was pitched advocating @ the Capitol! Senator Kim Jackson came to Rehabe College to meet Eric! Eric lead out to his principal & got invited w/ student government! Eric made speech on Paralymp to his whole school! AAAG got asslt fundatn in place, plus fundraising! Eric got invited w/ district for Change and Youth Decade! Eric went on the Youth Decade overnight retreat! Eric got invited w/ Support Decision Making! Eric's video was part of a presentation last Tues day! Eric attended the Disability History Symposium w/ Eric Mark Johnson! Eric participated in the legislative symposium at church! DPRavin setup an account for AAAG to accept donations! Eric got his ID! Kath helped Eric get to Camp Dream - old and new friends! Kath helped Eric get to a bunch of these places w/ transportation! Eric's communication is growing w/ my cues & aids tech! Eric presented on art and AI to Citizen Advocacy! Kath got Eric connected with an iPad that's helping a lot! AAAG meet and greet scheduled @ Rehabe College Nov 4!</p>	<p>Legally 18 11/19 Birthday - November Appeal for more student not staffed Eric was pitched advocating @ the Capitol! Starting 3rd year @ Stone Mountain HS Monthly meetings @ Rehabe College Still waiting for adult Social Security Looking for a job! Transitioning to managing his own healthcare ARC determination! PRC & iPad AAAG Assistance Fund, housed @ 200 Youth Decade School not easy but I'm better than before Some people at school understand me Eric took the PSNT Eric more connected w/ advocacy / justice orgs Thinking about and planning for college Minister of the Youth Group @ church Wanting to be more involved @ church Working on getting a device for his phone I'm getting my master's degree @ Longwood college I don't play around w/ my education</p>	<p>"I need mentors" "I need work experience" I want to be involved in things @ work I want to learn more about the system I want to work in the government I want to make public policy I want to go to college so I can learn more More than I know how I can help people more and advocate for people and create public policy I want to learn computer programming Drive communication board and a wheelchair you drive with your eyes Helping Eric voice in his communication Relationship w/ Connor & Drew Relationship w/ Circle Members One-on-one meetings w/ people Continue learning & testing AI Cloning with Ben Explore college possibilities Connections @ GA State Clerkston College connections of family</p>	<p>Connect Eric to Run Up Georgia (Aaron) Connect Eric to Neo-Disability South (Aaron) Help Eric talk with Senator Jackson about partial/governmental internships and/or work study opportunities (Jeremiah) Support Eric to vote early (Ben) Help Eric connect to his current network for opportunities to help with the 2024 Political Election (Aaron and Jeremiah) Provide backup support (Kath) Connect Eric to VoiceIT developers (David) Eric reach out to all of his friends and network about job opportunities and work opportunities All of us reach out to our connections about internships/work studies/volunteer/jobs Support Eric to cant use to take charge of his medical appointments (Ben) Introduce Eric and Neilson to families who have attended Inclusive Post Secondary Education programs in Atlanta (Deborah) Help Eric craft a resume (Kath & Ben) Help Eric learn how to apply for jobs (All of us)</p>

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His courses are accessible
He has the accommodations he needs
Eric has the direct support services he needs
Safety agreements are in place
Eric has the communication devices he needs
Eric has the personal devices he needs
Eric's medical needs are addressed
Eric's family is supportive and supported
Eric has stable housing
Eric has financial security
Eric's Circle of Friends supports him
Eric has/makes friends his own age
Eric has/makes time for fun and joy



BOLD VISION - Eric gets REAL MEANINGFUL work experience!



Opportunities that relate to his interests
Opportunities where he can share his gifts
Opportunities where he can learn more about the fields he wants to pursue
Opportunities where he can gain real knowledge and develop real skills
Opportunities to develop meaningful relationships
Opportunities that will lead to more opportunities

LAST WORDS
Thank you everybody!
Happy to be here!
Networking!
Bright future!
What Eric wants & needs!
Everybody needs this!
Special & to be cherished!
Thanks be to God!
Eric's doing fantastic!
Love that Eric fights for himself!
Keep it up!
Grateful!

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Perseverance & Stamina

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Determination

His willingness to share his story to help others

Unwavering conviction to ensure things are done right

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Handsome

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the DONE list!

Aaron found Jeremiah!

Eric met w/ his Senator @ the Capitol!

Eric was pictured advocating @ the Capitol!

Senator Kim Jackson came to Refuge Coffee Co to meet Eric!

Eric reached out to his principal & got involved w/ student government!

Eric made a speech on PirateTV to his whole school!

AAAG got a solid foundation in place, plus fundraising!

Eric got involved with Uniting for Change and Youth Decide!

Eric went on the Youth Decide overnight retreat!

Eric got involved with Supported Decision Making!

Eric's video was part of a presentation last Tuesday!

Eric attended the Disability History Symposium & met Mark Johnson!

Eric participated in the legislative symposium at church!

DPChurch set up an account for AAAG to accept donations!

Eric got his ID!

Kathi helped Eric get to Camp Dream - old and new friends!

Kathi helped Eric get to a bunch of these places w/ transportation!

Eric's communication is growing with emails and texts!

Eric presented on art and AI to Citizen Advocacy!

Kathi got Eric connected with an iPad that's helping a lot!

AAAG meet-and-greet scheduled @ Refuge Coffee Nov 4!

NOW

Legally 18, 18th Birthday in November
Approved for more staffing, not staffed
Starting 3rd year @ Stone Mtn HS
Weekly meetings @ Refuge Coffee Co
Still waiting for adult Social Security
Looking for a job!
Transitioning to managing his own health care
AAC better than it was! PRC & iPad
AAAG Assistance Fund housed @ DPC
Youth Decide
School is not easy, but I'm better than before
Some people at school understand me
Eric took the PSAT
Eric more connected with advocacy/justice orgs
Thinking about and planning for college
Member of the Youth Group @ church
Wanting to be more involved @ church
Working on getting a device for his phone #
I'm getting my hours @ school so I can go to college
I don't play around with my education

STRENGTHEN

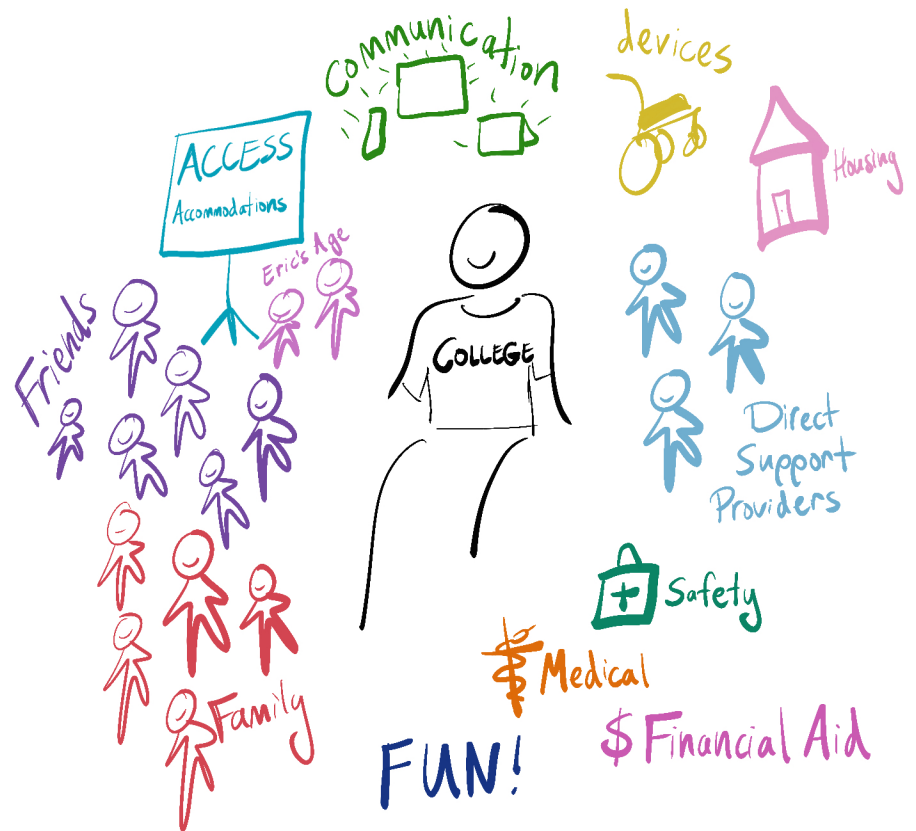
"I need mentors"
"I need work experience"
"I want to be involved with organizations"
"I want to learn more about the system"
"I want to work in the government"
"I want to make public policy"
"I want to go to college so I can learn more. When I know more I can help people more and advocate for people and create public policy."
"I want to learn computer programming to make a communication board, and a wheelchair you drive with your eyes"
Keeping Eric's voice in his communication
Relationship w/ Carmine & Drew
Relationships w/ Circle Members
One-on-one meetings w/ people
Continue learning & teaching AI
Climbing with Ben
Explore college possibilities
Connections @ GA State Clarkston
College conversations w/ family

BOLD NEXT STEPS

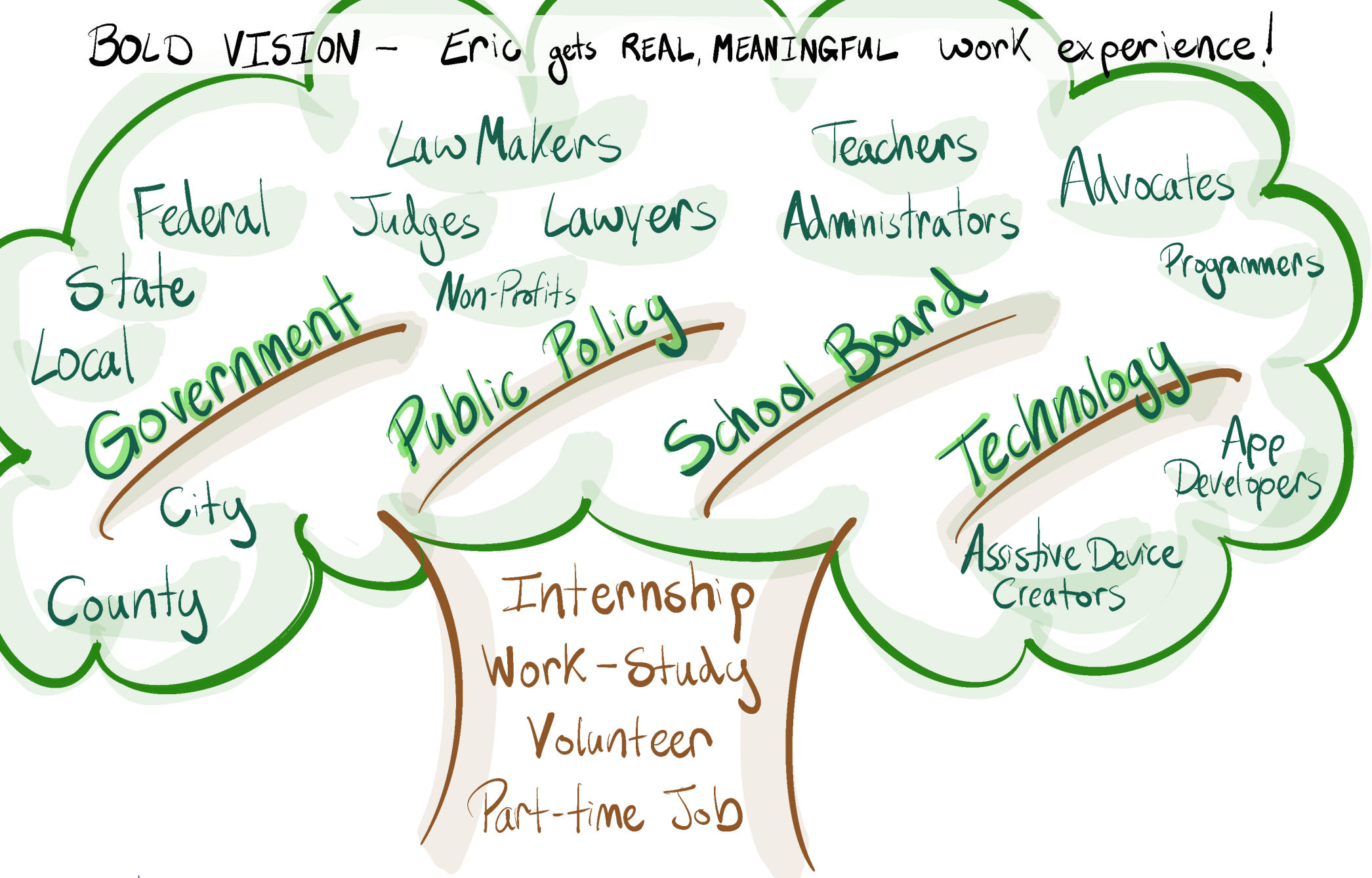
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Connect Eric to New Disabled South (Aaron)
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Support Eric to vote early (Ben)
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Provide back-up support (Kathi)
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