

## Membership Enrollment Form January – December 2024

I am interested in joining in the work of Heightened Independence and Progress (*hipcil*) to support the community of people with disabilities in Bergen and Hudson Counties.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in: (Please check off) Please see back of page for programs descriptions.**

- Fall Festival    Caregiver Support    bergenPAC    Gala    Newsletter  
 Holiday Party    Women’s Group    AVL Support Group    Book Club

Membership Categories (Please check (✓) the right category for you):

- Basic Member \$20  
 Contributing Member (for those who want to give “that extra something” to support *hip*) \$35  
 Family Member \$30  
 Corporate Member (includes non-profit and for-profit) \$75  
 Life Member\*\* \$500 and Above  
 I am including an additional voluntary contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance. Choose preferred payment method:

- Check, payable to *hipcil*, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa OR  MasterCard (\$30 minimum on Credit Cards)

Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Life Membership:** A special category for those who wish to make a significant financial contribution to the advancement of independent living for themselves, in honor of a family member or friend, or simply to show their desire to help all persons with disabilities in their effort to lead productive, independent lives.

**Please mail your payment directly to *hipcil*, 131 Main Street, Suite 120, Hackensack, NJ 07601**

**Contributions to Heightened Independence & Progress (*hipcil*) are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.**

## Program Descriptions

**Newsletter:** Newsletters keep subscribers informed about *hipcil*, stay up to date on new developments, become familiar with new staff members, share the consumer corner, read the letter from the CEO, etc.

**Fall Festival:** Members are invited to join the *hipcil* staff in our annual celebration. This is an opportunity to meet other members and enjoy food and fun with live entertainment. This is usually held annually. There is a cost to attend.

**AVL:** The Adjustment to Vision Loss Project is a unique program designed to assist individuals in adjusting to the loss of vision, through one-on-one direct assistance as well as involvement in peer support groups. Groups address issues and concerns of people with vision loss, and through the sharing of their experiences, members provide support to one another.

**Book Club:** The book club is a reading group, usually consisting of a number of people who read and talk about books based on a topic or an agreed-upon reading list.

**Holiday Party:** Members are invited to join the *hipcil* Board and staff at the end of the year festive party, usually held at a fancy venue. There is a cost to attend.

**Women's Group:** Women's group focused on literary endeavors, self-improvement and created social opportunities. This club allows women to share ideas, empowering one another to make positive changes in their lives. There may be a cost for certain activities.

**Annual Gala:** A fundraising dinner gala can raise significant funds and provide an opportunity for the organization's supporters, volunteers and staff to mingle, have fun and renew their commitment to the nonprofit's mission. There is a cost to attend.

**Consumer Meetings and Activities:** We strive to share as much information to the community, which includes trends, new programs, safety issues in and out of the home, etc.

**Annual Meeting:** Current members have the right to participate in our annual membership meetings. Members have the right to opportunity to nominate candidates to become Board Members, as well as run for office and serve on committees.

**Caregiver Support Group:** A gathering of people caring for a loved one who want to share the experiences and develop strategies for success.

**bergenPAC Arts Access Program:** *hipcil* members are offered the opportunity to receive free tickets (first come first served) to select bergenPAC performances.