

MEMBERSHIP

VCIL is a member-supported organization. We welcome all people who support our mission and have an interest in our programs and services. Many of our members are people with disabilities or have family members or friends with a disability. Business members, community leaders, educators, healthcare professionals and other concerned citizens who support the work we do are always encouraged to join.

For those who are interested, **VCIL's membership is FREE!** Of course, we gladly accept donations of any size that you can give. Becoming a member affords you a copy of The Independent (VCIL's news journal), quarterly newsletter, free loan of books from VCIL's library, free attendance at scheduled community group meetings, and invitations to various VCIL-sponsored conferences and trainings throughout the year. And, remember, when you become a VCIL member you automatically become a member of a national movement that fights the barriers to independent living and supports a high quality of life for Vermonters. You do not have to be a member to receive VCIL services.

To join, please go to our website - www.vcil.org - or, complete the attached membership form, and send it to:

VCIL

11 East State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

For more information call: 1-800-639-1522

I believe in equal rights for people with disabilities! I want to be a member of VCIL.

My name is: _____

My address: _____

E-mail (**newsletter**): _____ **OR** mail to address above

Phone (optional): _____

I am including a donation of: \$ _____ (optional)

VCIL will not share or sell personal or identifying information with any other organization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership Card # (*office use*): _____

Frequently Asked Membership Questions

1. Why become a member?

By becoming a member of our organization, you join a larger movement of dedicated and active individuals that help other individuals, businesses, and cities and towns to address the needs of people with disabilities. The strength of our advocacy work depends on the number of individuals who join together with us in solidarity.

2. What does membership cost?

There are **no membership costs** or requirements. VCIL will gladly accept any donation that you choose to give, but a donation is not required.

3. What benefits do I get as a member?

As a member you receive a:

- wallet-sized membership card
- quarterly newsletter
- free attendance at scheduled community group meetings
- invitations to VCIL sponsored events, conferences, and workshops
- copies of The Independent, VCIL's subscription news journal
- free loan of books from VCIL's library

4. What do I have to do as a member?

- Support VCIL's mission
- Support VCIL's programs and services
- Participate in events and projects that interest you
- Stay informed about what is happening around the state for people with disabilities

NOTE: You do not have to be a member to receive services from any VCIL program.