

LONG TERM SERVICE

JOE BROWN



Since before the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, Joe Brown of Atlantic County has been an agent of positive change for members of the disability community. In 1977, he served as a volunteer founding member of the Atlantic County Disabled Citizens Advisory Board. A United States Air Force Veteran who was injured in Germany, Joe has continued to serve despite his use of a wheelchair. While having a disability is a part of who he is, it certainly does not define him as a person. Joe Brown has not only assisted individuals and families, but has also made systemic changes that have benefited the entire disability community.

Mr. Brown was “at the table” during the inception of the Special Olympics in New Jersey; he was there when the first wheelchair basketball team was formed in South Jersey; and in 2006, he was instrumental in making NJ one of two states in the nation to require open frame beds in newly constructed hotel rooms.

Because of his phenomenal spirit of volunteerism, Joe continues to be called upon by non-profits organizations, municipalities, State Officials, and members of the community. He continues to serve on the Atlantic County Advisory Board and the Donny Fund, a program which provides services to critically ill children.