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Medical & Complex Care  
in Community



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF  
CARMELL E. TAIT**

# CARMELL:

## Advocate. Dreamer. Mentor. Leader. Friend.



“She made the dreams of many persons with disabilities to live in the community a reality. She was an advocate like no other and an inspiration to the rest of us to support all with dignity and respect. We will miss her wonderful sense of humour and wit and her never-ending questioning of the status quo. She was and is an inspiration to us all.”

—Community Partner

“We felt a little lost after hearing the news, but then after a few minutes of sharing memories and some moments of silence, we pressed on and did as our fearless leader would have done. She was so much more than any words I can possibly say. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.”

—PHSS Staff

“She was always there when I needed her, whether it was to support me as I read a eulogy at a supported person’s funeral or to celebrate that we were able to get someone out for a walk for the first time. She was an incredible leader, providing strength, encouragement, and dedication. She challenged me to think outside the box, and will always be the voice in my head that will continue to push and inspire me.”

—PHSS Senior Manager

“My Aunt Carmell was so dedicated to PHSS and because of that, it was important to our family too. We learned so much about how important support services were and so much about your community and their needs. I am sure you will miss her as much as we do already.”

—Family Member

# ANNOUNCING:

## The Carmell E. Tait Advocacy & Social Justice Fund



Brian Orr  
Chair, PHSS Board



Elizabeth Wasko  
Chair, PHSS Foundation



Brian Dunne  
President/CEO

Carmell Tait was a driving force at PHSS and has been our Chief Operating Officer since 1988.

Carmell was well-respected both inside and outside of the organization. She shared her unique perspective, asked questions, was not afraid to challenge systemic processes, and was willing to stand alone, if need be.

***Carmell's number one priority was helping the people we support and their families.***

Her deep compassion and empathy for people and their quality of life is reflected in the culture of PHSS. She was a natural advocate for the marginalized, with a sense of fairness and justice at the core of her being.

***We are creating this endowment fund to celebrate Carmell's vision, work, and legacy.***

Donations will be invested, and the interest earned will be disbursed to further Carmell's commitment to advocacy and social justice, to help fund initiatives and efforts that will help people and their families.



*I have been thinking about how much Carmell has been such an integral part of PHSS since its beginning and the breadth of her many contributions to the growth in the number of people PHSS supports, developing and innovating improvements to care, and the provision of the incredible quality of care that PHSS provides.*

Brian Orr,  
Chair, PHSS Board of Directors

*Through the years of volunteering with this organization, it has always been clear that the vision of Carmell and Brian and the absolute belief in the value of each person's right to live a meaningful life are at the core of PHSS. Carmell was instrumental in delivering the type of leadership that gave each person she met an opportunity for learning and growth filled with compassion and hope.*

Elizabeth Wasko,  
Chair, PHSS Foundation Board  
of Directors







## Carmell E. Tait Advocacy and Social Justice Fund

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***Thank you!***

Your gift ensures that Carmell's vision, work, and legacy will continue to help the people we support, their families, and families in need.



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