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### PROTECTED TOMORROWS

*is collaborating with*

### BETHESDA LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES

*to offer its resources to families and their loved ones with disabilities*

**Protected Tomorrows**, an Illinois based advocacy firm for the special needs communities across USA, has announced its partnership with Bethesda.

**Bethesda Lutheran Communities** provides support and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 14 states through residential and supported living programs, outreach services and training workshops.

*Mary Anne Ehlert, President and Founder of **Protected Tomorrows** said "Bethesda's passion and excellent track record of helping individuals within the disability community is a perfect fit for our mission to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.*

*This collaboration allows us to expand our services while helping to support **Bethesda Lutheran Communities** by bringing added knowledge and skills. With our specialized "advocate training" Bethesda's family resource coordinators will be able to provide a comprehensive special needs planning for all their clients."*

*"So many families out there are not aware of the available benefits or are concerned about burdening others by asking for help. By partnering with **Protected Tomorrows**, **Bethesda** is able to help these families and caregivers to provide, their loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a future---to realize personal goals, and to live a full life," said Marily Gardner, National Director of Strategic Partnerships at **Bethesda**. "Protected Tomorrows offers us a partnership to reach the 87% of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who receive little to no support."*

To learn more about **Protected Tomorrows Advocate Training Program**, or to become a licensed advocate... please visit [www.protectedtomorrows.com](http://www.protectedtomorrows.com), [www.info@protectedtomorrows.com](mailto:www.info@protectedtomorrows.com)  
*Protected Tomorrows<sup>®</sup>, Inc. is the national leader in enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By guiding families through its comprehensive, proprietary planning process, Protected Tomorrows helps ensure the well-being of a loved one by creating a Future Care Plan<sup>™</sup>. Working with clients, Protected Tomorrows addresses concerns such as: future care funding, government benefits, legal considerations, accessible housing, residential alternatives, employment opportunities, recreational choices, education options and family communication.*

**Bethesda Lutheran Communities** contact: <http://www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org>.

*Bethesda is a national support provider for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

*Bethesda offers a full spectrum of services for people with disabilities including residential and vocational support, faith life resources and community engagement.*