

# *Presenting:*

## The 5 W's of Rep. Zachary Mako's Disabilities Resource Fair

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**WHO** → State Rep. Zachary Mako has represented Pennsylvania's 183<sup>rd</sup> district since 2016. The district includes parts of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, including: Allen Township, Bath, Beersville, East Allen Township, Klecknersville, Lehigh Township, Lowhill Township, North Catasauqua, North Whitehall, Northampton, Slatington, and Walnutport.

**WHAT** → Being a full-time caregiver is hard. So is trying to navigate through a sea of resources when you're in crisis. The Disabilities Resource Fair (previously: Special Needs Fair) is designed to directly connect individuals with special needs with local, state, and non-profit organizations that offer assistance, community, and support to caregivers. This event is free and open to the public.

In past years, we have had a coloring station made possible by Crayola, a raffle featuring prizes from local businesses and attractions – including Shankweiler's Drive-in, the Lehigh Valley Zoo, and Crystal Spring Farm – and a musical performance by Hearts for Music, an organization that provides opportunities for individuals with special needs to perform in a professional orchestra setting. We're still in planning stages, but the hope is to repeat these!

**WHEN** → Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**WHERE** → Union Lutheran Church  
5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078

**WHY** → The reality is that the special needs community is often overlooked or stigmatized. Rep. Mako devised this event as a direct contradiction to this notion – a day to intentionally recognize and celebrate these individuals. It stands as an extension of his advocacy for this community in Harrisburg.