In Loving Memory of

Sheila McLeod

Vision for Equality is deeply saddened by the passing of Sheila McLeod, Manager of the Consumer Family Satisfaction Team Program.

Sheila began her career at Vision for Equality in October of 1996. Sheila has been a part of the Embreeville Program since its inception which oversaw individuals who were moved from Embreeville into the community to ensure they were receiving quality services and supports. She developed a strong bond with these individuals and their families and fought passionately over the years to keep all services intact for them so they would continue to live a fulfilling life within the community.

Sheila is survived by her husband Marty McLeod and loving mother Vivian Richardson and was the devoted mother of Vivian, Brandi and Geneva and her granddaughter Sidney McLeod. They were all equally loved by her and important to her. Often with her beloved daughter Brandi, by her side, she tirelessly advocated about the urgency of the needs of individuals with complex health care needs and other disabilities. Her powerful and eloquent manner of speaking left a lasting impression on many politicians and community members. Sheila inspired many not only by her work “vision” of services for people with disabilities but also by her living example with her own family; always setting an example of believing all people with disabilities can live fully and successfully in community.

Sheila’s life was full of caring for her family, gaining her nursing degree while working, never missing a beat in advocating for so many with disabilities and maintaining her relationships with friends like Hana and Hassan Sabree among the many others who called her friend. Sheila was a cherished friend to the Directors, Board, and all of us at Vision for Equality and we will miss her greatly. We will always cherish her dedication, steadfast support, sage advice, and gentle and loving presence.