



Pathways is in mourning with the passing of Russ Oberlin, President of our Board of Directors. Russ devoted himself to Pathways for the last twenty years, serving several terms on the board, and working tirelessly for Pathways throughout that time. Russ served not only Pathways, but all people with developmental disabilities throughout Colorado. He was a political activist, and his advocacy for people with developmental disabilities in the legislature was instrumental in securing many benefits for our clients and families at Pathways and statewide. His invaluable work was recognized several years ago when he received an award from all twenty Community Centered Boards recognizing his exceptional contributions to people with developmental disabilities and their families. His high regard with county officials was instrumental in their support for placing our county mill levy referendum on the ballot in 2001, and his vigorous work on the campaign was critical to our success with voters.

Russ was one of the warmest, kindest, and most compassionate men any of us have ever known. His wisdom, energy, optimism, and wonderful sense of humor will be sorely missed by all of us who were privileged to know him. Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers.