

CAU in the News

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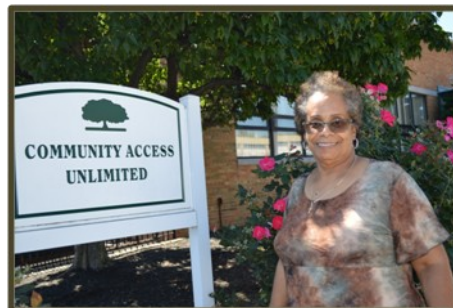
Community Access Unlimited's mission is to provide community access through effective and comprehensive support services for people with disabilities and at-risk youth, giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives in the community.

CAU Member & Staff Help Runner In Distress

Elizabeth, NJ – September 3 – Early Wednesday afternoon, a woman who had been jogging on West Grand Street suddenly found herself in distress.

Looking for someone who might help, she noticed she was in front of CAU's parking lot. Seeing an attendant standing next to a small guard house, the woman approached the tall gentleman asking for assistance. Known as "LT" by most people, the CAU member suggested that she sit down and offered the jogger a cold bottle of water. At that moment a CAU staff member was pulling into the driveway. Immediately seeing the emergency situation, the driver Aleyah Lacey stopped her car, got out and instantly called 911. Ms. Lacey stated, "I noticed the woman's skin tone changing color and that she was starting to slump over. The jogger stated that she was having trouble breathing and was experiencing chest pains." To try and keep the woman focused and calm Aleyah softly spoke with her as they waited for help to arrive.

Within moments both the Elizabeth paramedics and an ambulance arrived to assist. Placing the jogger in the ambulance, the woman received medical attention and was taken to a local hospital. Thanks to the quick action of LT and Aleyah a woman received the care and support she needed in an emergency situation. Great team work!



Staff member, Aleyah Lacey, called 911 and kept the jogger calm and focused until help arrived



CAU member, LT, calmed down the jogger and got her a bottle of water.