

For the month of February, Youth Power of Families Together in New York State would like to take the time to highlight the wonderful work that **Kaleigh “Tazz” Hanna, Youth Peer Advocate at ICan, located in Utica, NY**. Tazz has been a part of the ICan team for slightly over a year. Within that time, Tazz has provided hybrid peer support where she assists and mentors young people ages 6-21 with learning and engaging in appropriate age activities, skill development, and self-advocacy practices. Tazz has actively taken a presence at Youth Power by participating in presentations and panels, connecting with her RYP to offer any support, and receiving her own mentorship to further her professional and personal growth. Tazz has shown amazing perseverance, drive, and ambition for her future.

When asked for any additional feedback, Tazz included the following: “I am a kindhearted, very generous person who would go out of my way to help anyone I come across. I am really faith-based with my church and I do a lot in my community by helping give back to them including my local law enforcement. I have many interests and hobbies including photography of cars, am a huge dog lover, and I am very into sports of all kinds including basketball, golf, and football. I also strive to become a police officer in the future.”

Thank you Tazz for all the hard work and dedication you continue to do for yourself, your community, the Mohawk Valley region, and your friends at Youth Power. We are excited to see what great things you accomplish in the future!