

We Are All Kentucky

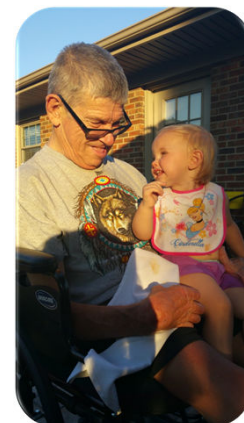


Tommy Malone



My name is Tommy Malone. I am a devoted **Advocate** for **developmental disabilities**. My advocacy work has changed the lives of persons with disability **across the nation**. In 1990, as a member of ADAPT, I lobbied the passage of the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**. I climbed the steps of our nation's capital on my knees to show the entire nation that we **need accessibility** for all Americans. That photo became a part of the disability history museum. **The ADA became law!**

While I was born with Cerebral Palsy, I am a very **independent** person. I have lived on my own for about 31 years with only the supports that are essential. I value my **independence**. I value that I am an active member of my **community**. I strive to bring good things to all people. **I value all human beings.**



“Independence is important, no matter what problems life presents.”