

Video Alternative – Fund My Future PGH

Upbeat instrumental music begins and continues throughout, as an animation of words in a white font move on a green background. The first word is “Fund,” followed by “My,” and then “Future.” The animation continues, repeating the appearance of the word “Fund” and then the words “My Future,” before all appearing on the screen at once, along with a logo for Fund My Future PGH.

Beverli Austin, a Black woman wearing glasses and a black top, appears on screen against a purple background with text that reads, “Beverli Austin, Parent Ambassador.” A logo for Fund My Future PGH appears in the top, right corner.

Beverli: Hello, my name is Beverli, and I currently reside in Pittsburgh, PA, with my twins, TyVel and TyAnn.

A black and white photo of Beverli and her two, young twin children, Tyvel and TyAnn, smiling for the camera appears on screen. The photo dissolves into another photo of Beverli holding Tyvel and Tyann in an outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

Beverli: When deciding on how to start my children’s saving journey, I had to take into consideration that my son has special needs and be mindful of his asset/resource limit as it relates to certain federally funded programs, like SSI. While researching options, the ABLE account was presented as an option for saving for him. After reading as much as I could about the program, I opened an ABLE account for my son. At the same time, I signed up for the Fund my Future program, as having an ABLE account and making the \$1 or more monthly deposit is one way for my family to remain eligible to win. Since opening both accounts, my family has won twice.

An image of Beverli, Tyvel, Tyann, and an older, Black woman wearing glasses, all posing for a photo in an indoor setting with hardwood floors appears on screen. The image dissolves into a photo of a Black woman wearing a pink top seated at a table with a banner that contains the Fund My Future PGH logo and the text, “Take the Pledge. Save. Win! A Savings Account in your child’s name can build hope and make future dreams a reality.”

Beverli: In addition, through Fund my Future PGH, I was able to become a Parent Ambassador for the Fund my Future PGH program and, also, a Parent ABLE Ambassador through the ABLE National Resource Center. This has allowed me to spread the word about ABLE accounts to people around the U.S. and give a face to the program that allows people of color to see that this program is for our communities as well.

An image of a young, Black child who uses a wheelchair and an older, Black woman posing for a photo in front of table with a tablecloth that reads “Fun” in an outdoor, informational-fair setting with other decorated tables. The image dissolves into two images of young and older people of color posing for photos while wearing black t-shirts featuring the Fund My Future PGH logo.

Beverli: Fund My Future PGH takes it one step further for those locally and adds in the fun factor, with a chance to win money as an incentive to save. I’m grateful for both of these programs. One gives me peace of mind while saving and the other brings fun while doing so!

Logos for Fund My Future PGH, Neighborhood Allies, National Disability Institute (NDI) and ABLE National Resource Center appear on a white screen as the upbeat music fades and the video ends.