

## TIPS FOR PLANNING SPECIAL EVENTS: LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

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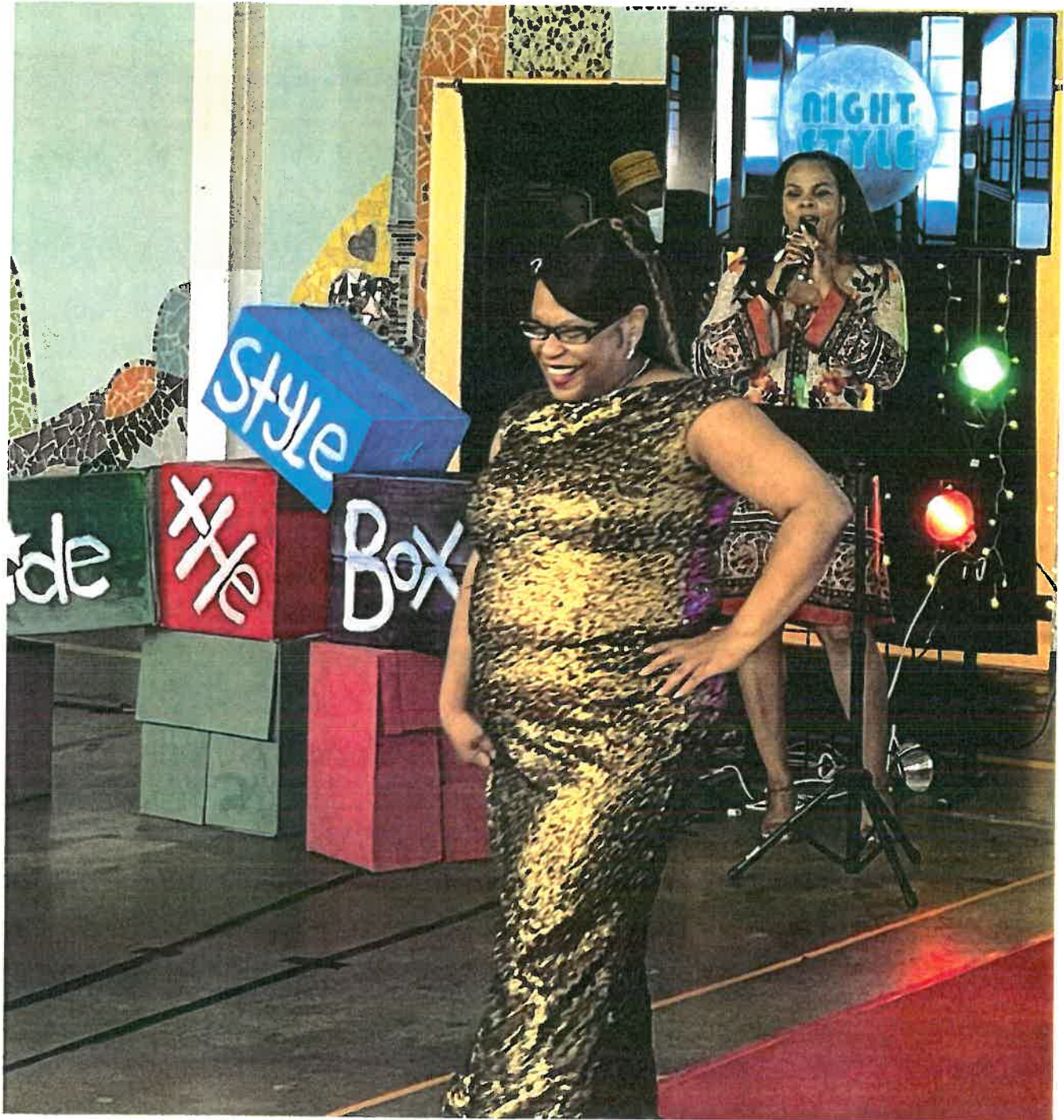
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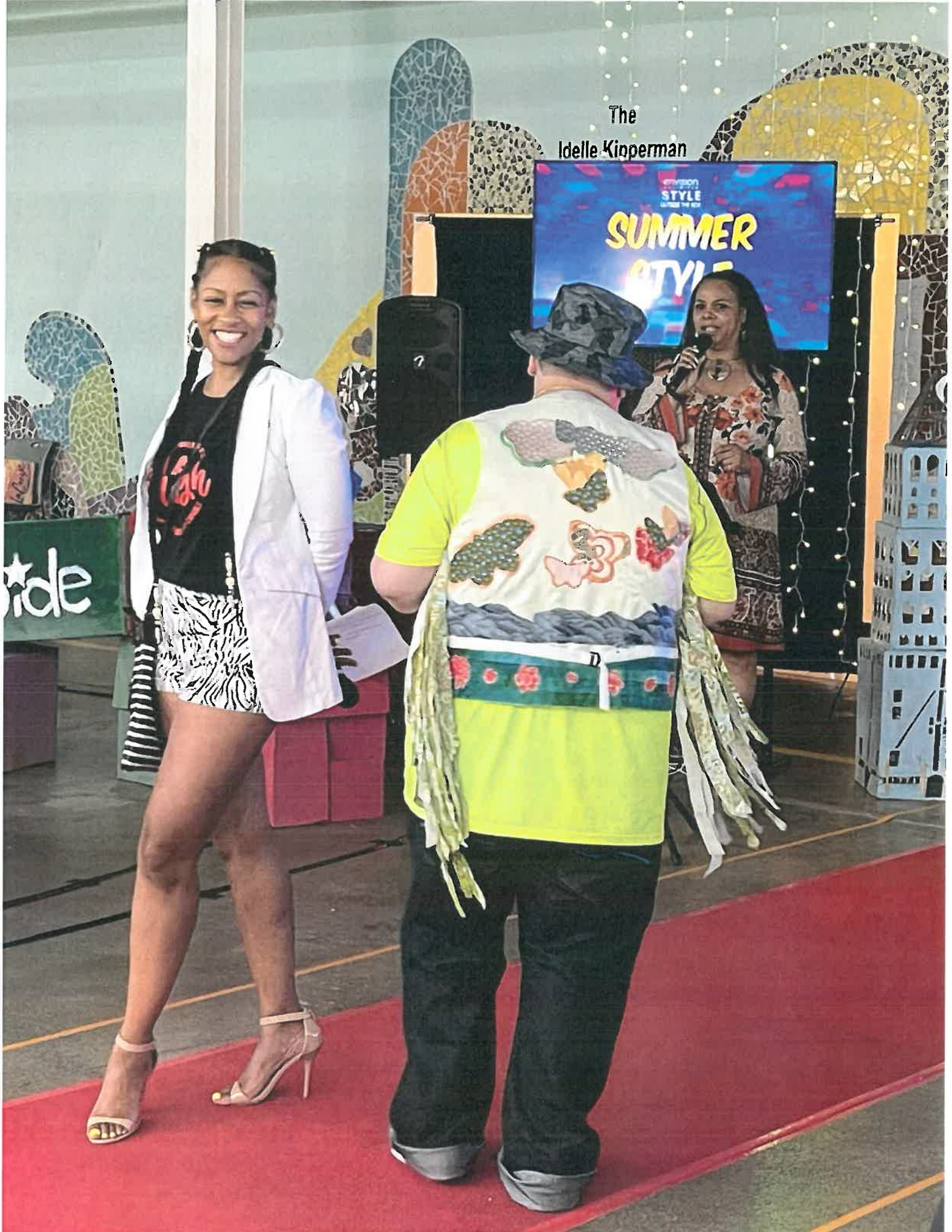
- A little bit about us (Deanna and Rachel Introduction)
- Background on the Style Outside the Box event (a member directed fashion show fundraiser at Envision Unlimited in June of 2023)
- Nothing about us without us! How our input directed the choice of venue, décor, fashions, food, music, photography
- Key points for self advocates to provide input into a special event
  - ask people how they want to express themselves
  - think about what people need to know about you
  - keep the focus positive—showcase every person’s strengths (we all have some!)
  - be inclusive! Look for ways to get everyone who wants to be involved, be involved.
  - focus on FUN!
- \* Benefits of working special event projects like (this in our experience):
  - Builds confidence!
  - Promotes self acceptance; everyone was part of the planning and the party
  - Builds skills such as having to work with a budget; follow the schedule; discipline/rehearsal
  - Have to learn to be part of a bigger team to plan and execute a special event
  - Opportunity to meet a lot of new people; show them your skills. Ambassador Skills!
  - Challenges your creativity! Helping people match their personality to their outfit
- The Payoff---We helped raise \$24,014 in support of programs at Envision Unlimited!
- Questions

Some photos of the Style Outside the Box attached

Thank you for attending today!



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