**PARC’s Application for the Main Street Circa 1995 Grant**

First of all, congrats to Main Street

30 years of doing good isn’t an easy feat!

We’re proud to know you, and hope it shows

As PARC partners with you as it still grows

You asked us about our next 30 years

We’re working toward smiles, never toward fears

For our population of disabled friends,

As you know, the work never ends

To advocate for one’s own rights

Is something for which PARC fiercely fights

Our future vision looks something like this -

Communities where stigma has gone into the abyss

To help our members feel confident and strong

A plan is in place to help them belong

Educational pieces, marketing, and publicity will abound

To showcase the joy and value for which our members are renowned

PARC currently serves 55 folks of the special needs group

And they sadly, on occasion, find that their spirits will droop

An open house! Articles and workshops!

We’re going to share with the world that our friends are the tops!

The need is great, impact will be immense

Acceptance of this population, simply common sense

Through visits and meetings with members of our towns

Citizens will understand people with autism and Down’s

We’re asking for financial support

So the future can be bright, and bias we can thwart

With funding from our Main Street friends,

We’ll ensure our members are viewed with a brand new lens.