

## **Welcome, Dan Varner, to Independent Living Alliance Board of Directors**

It is with great excitement and pride that we announce the addition of Dan Varner to the ILA Board of Directors. Dan will be an officer of ILA and will assume the role of Secretary. Dan brings a wealth of leadership experience with the IDD community. He is the CEO and President of Goodwill Greater Detroit and has been involved in the non-profit sector for the majority of his career. His legal background and strong community outreach will be a significant addition to our board. Please join us in welcoming Dan as he begins his ILA board appointment effective November 1, 2024.



### **Daniel S. Varner**

Dan Varner is the President and Chief Executive Officer at Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Before joining Goodwill, Dan served as the CEO at Excellent Schools Detroit, a partnership of Detroit organizations working to improve Detroit's public education systems.

He has also worked as a program officer at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation on both the Michigan and Education & Learning teams. At the Foundation, he co-led the redevelopment of the local giving strategy for Detroit.

Dan is also the co-founder and former CEO of Think Detroit, a nationally recognized, award-winning youth development organization. Dan merged Think Detroit with Detroit PAL to create the largest provider of youth development sports programs in Detroit. The organization continues to operate as Detroit PAL today, and now serves 13,000 participants each year.

Dan has received many awards, and his work has been recognized by two Presidential administrations. He has previously served on many boards of directors, including the ACLU of Michigan, ConnectEd, Capital Impact Partners, and Detroit PAL. He has also served on Michigan's State Board of Education for four years. Currently, he serves on the board of directors of Momentus Capital and is a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. Dan is an attorney by training and is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School.