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Today is the final day of Black History Month, the annual celebration of achievements and a time to recognize African Americans for their vital role in U.S. history. A special month set aside to remember both triumphs and struggles of people who are all too often neglected yet are a vital part of history.

Here at UCP of Greater Cleveland, our team members and individuals chose to highlight Black heroes 'whose visions, actions and activism' helped advance progress for people with disabilities. This was done through educational sessions, posters, and presentations at the end of the month.

We learned about Wilma Rudolph whose doctor said she would never walk again and went on to train young athletes; about Fannie Lou Hamer, who advocated for equal healthcare and voter rights; about Bessie Blount, who created a device that allowed veterans with amputations to write with their hands and feet; and superstar Stevie Wonder.

The depth and breadth of the information shared brought a new perspective to light for many – it gave a platform to connect the mission of UCP directly to that of Black History Month. And reminds us how our daily lives are impacted - that in and of itself should be celebrated every day.

Thank you to all who were a part of these important projects.

Best,

Beth