

New Avenues to Independence, Inc.
Celebrates
National Direct Support Professionals
Recognition Week

September 14-19, 2009



On August 6th, the U.S. Senate approved a resolution designating the week of September 14th as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.” The resolution recognizes the invaluable supports Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide and the difference this workforce makes in the lives of Americans with disabilities. To honor our DSPs, New Avenues is celebrating the week!



PIZZA PARTIES: Please join us for pizza and refreshments on Wednesday, September 16th at our Main Campus or Friday, September 18th at Buckeye Industries, Madison from 12noon to 3:00pm. Please RSVP to Karen at 216.481.1909 x224 or kknavel@newavenues.net



LOTTERY TREE RAFFLE: We are having a raffle for a LOTTERY TREE with \$75 worth of lottery tickets attached. You can purchase 1 raffle ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5. To purchase tickets, stop by the Community Relations Department, call (216) 481-1909 x221 or email hlamb@newavenues.net. **All proceeds to benefit support services.** *In addition, each DSP will be entered into a drawing to win another LOTTERY TREE with \$25 worth of lottery tickets attached.* The drawing for the raffle winners will be held on September 18th at 3pm.



PETITION: All week long, we will have an online petition posted on our website www.newavenues.net to thank our legislators for their support of DSP Recognition Week and encouraging them to support the Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 868). The Act would offer states an option for supplemental Medicaid funding needed to increase DSP wages.



Each DSP will receive a **SPECIAL “THANK YOU” DVD** from the individuals that we serve.



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I am a Direct Support Professional

