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SARATOGA BRIDGES ANNOUNCES DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK

Saratoga Bridges, along with the NYS Office of Persons With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), is pleased to announce that September 8-14 has been designated as Direct Support Professional (DSP) week! The increasing DSP workforce is necessary to increase to meet the needs of the escalating number of individuals diagnosed with Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorders. Due to the increase of population in Saratoga County, Saratoga Bridges and its staff are impacted by the growth.

"We are always looking for ways to expand our services. Based on what our individuals and their families ask of us, we reach out to our staff all the time to ask how we can provide better services," says Executive Director Valerie Muratori. She added, "Our dedicated employees give their creativity, energy and passion to their positions, but are often unrecognized throughout the community. These individuals need to be celebrated as they provide invaluable support and services to persons with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities 24/7, 365 days a year. They are responsible for their health, safety and emotional well-being, encouraging them to live more meaningful, dignified and productive lives by promoting independence. In doing so, they positively impact the organization and raise awareness in the community of how our workforce makes a difference every day."

Saratoga Bridges will be recognizing their devoted, committed staff members throughout the week with various activities.

Saratoga Bridges has been providing the highest level of programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 55 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of community life. As one of the largest private non-profit organizations in Saratoga County, they have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and dreams as they work, shop, play, and volunteer while leading full, productive and contributing lives. This voluntary service provider believes that the care they give increases immeasurably the quality of life for every citizen. Saratoga Bridges' philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!