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**Saratoga Bridges celebrates
National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)**

Saratoga Bridges proudly salutes March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month (DDAM). DDAM commemorates the progress self-advocates, families and volunteers have made toward improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

President Ronald Reagan officially proclaimed March as DDAM in 1987 to bring intellectual and developmental disabilities to the forefront, to underscore the pride and promise this group has in achieving their dreams, to generate renewed respect for them and to educate the public of issues that still face this constituency and their families.

The Presidential Proclamation states, "For many of these people with developmental disabilities there is now the prospect of a brighter future and greater opportunity. Americans are becoming increasingly aware that such disabilities need not keep individuals from realizing their full potential in school, at work or at home, as members of their families and of their communities."

For Saratoga Bridges, they have been providing the highest level of programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 60 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. The agency employs close to 600 conscientious people who work diligently and with great compassion in their 24/7 care of over 800 individuals. Saratoga Bridges philosophy truly is that every day is full of possibilities!