

Pathfinder Resource Connection Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month



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Back L to R: Marla Fahl, Sandy Roberts, Jessica Wyatt, Mandy Diehl, Shelli Coburn, Christina West, Jennifer Jagger, Mary Anne Cordill, & Angela Heiden*

Pathfinder Resource Connection, the Employment division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. celebrated National Employment Awareness Month by honoring all staff of the division.

“We wanted to take some time to thank our thirteen staff working in the counties we serve,” stated Christina West, Pathfinder Resource Connection Program Coordinator. “Pathfinder Resource Connection would like to thank all of our local business partners and our individuals we have placed in employment in Allen, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley counties,” concluded West.

Staff enjoyed lunch with Pathfinder Services President John Niederman and received a gift from Pathfinder Services.

Pathfinder Resource Connection staff recognized included: Erin Burris, Jennifer Carrell, Shelli Coburn, Mary Anne Cordill, Mandy Diehl, Marla Fahl, Angela Heiden, Billie Ison, Jennifer Jagger, Sandy Roberts, Christina West, Sandy Wing, and Jessica Wyatt.

From July 1st 2010 through June 30th 2011 Pathfinder Resource Connection assisted 69 people in achieving employment through Vocational Rehabilitation at an average wage of \$8.73 per hour. Resource Connection had 237 annual referrals a 10 % increase over the previous year and 90 % of job placements were successful on the first attempt, a 10% increase.

Becky Witte, who achieved employment through Pathfinder Resource Connection in 2011 had this to say about the program. “I have been employed with The Learning Center since 2011 when I moved to Fort Wayne with my husband. Jennifer Carrell, my Employment Specialist, has worked with me as well as the staff at The Learning Center to help me with my new job. I work in the kitchen as well as help out in the classroom when needed. Prior to moving to Fort Wayne, I worked with Pathfinder Kids Kampus since 2000 where I worked as a Substitute, Dietary Aid, and most recently as a Teacher Assistant.”

Pathfinder Resource Connection is the Employment Division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. The division began in 1987 and specializes in assisting people with disabilities and others in finding and retaining employment. Pathfinder Resource Connection serves Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wabash and Whitley counties in Indiana, and has offices in Allen, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley counties. Pathfinder Resource Connection can be found online at www.resourcecon.org.