

THE EXCHANGE

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of individuals served by Black Hills Workshop*

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ANCOR announces the second annual Direct Support Professional Recognition Week September 13-19, 2009

ANCOR, the American Network of Community Options and Resources, is a nonprofit trade association representing and advocating on behalf of the more than 800 private providers of services and supports for nearly 500,000 Americans with disabilities. Black Hills Workshop is member of the group, which employs over 400,000 direct support staff in 49 states and Washington, D.C.

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week honors these employees and the tremendous difference they make each day in the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities. Meet two of our wonderful Direct Support Professionals:

Kimberly Ketelsen is a community living instructor at a group home. "Working with people who have disabilities is a fun and fulfilling career. Each day is different and more exciting! Seeing the smile on a person's face when they have learned a new step to one of their personal goals is priceless. The Black Hills Workshop is a very caring agency that not only supports the people served with reaching their goals but also helps their



employees reach their full potential as well. It is great working with so many caring, encouraging, and helpful people who are all working towards the same thing: To create a community where everyone participates to achieve a life of full potential."

Gena Bradford is an associate instructor in a group home. "I assist people with their daily living skills, personal hygiene,



shopping, and medications, and help them to reach their goals. I assist the people I serve with achieving the quality of life that they want. I have worked here for 5 years. I stay because it is a fulfilling and rewarding place to work. The people that I serve have become like family to me. I had an aunt that was served at the Workshop for 17 years and I saw what a difference it made in her life. I love the people that I work with, both staff and the people served. It is also good experience for me since I am going to school to be a nurse. The best part of my job is knowing that I help the people become what they want to be and to live the life that they want to live."

BHW to undergo accreditation

Black Hills Workshop will again undergo the process for national accreditation with the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) October 26-27. One focus group that will meet with the accreditation team will include family members. If you are interested in participating on this focus group, contact Colleen Ronning at (605) 718-6203.

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The Foundation's new Facebook page keeps Facebook users up to date on Workshop events. Become a fan and help introduce the Black Hills Workshop to your Facebook friends.

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Living Together is an Art

Artists from the Black Hills Workshop's Suzie Cappa Center for Art Expression and Enjoyment will display their work at the Dahl Arts Center August 12-September 20.

This year's show is about community and how people supported by Black Hills Workshop are a part of the Rapid City community. The title of the show, "Living Together is an Art," is a quotation from William Pickens. The centerpiece of the show is six murals which feature downtown businesses which were created by Suzie Cappa artists for the 2008 Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. For this show, the artists have taken photographs of people served by BHW visiting these businesses. For information, contact Brad A. Winter at (605) 718-8340.

In other news from the art center, art by Suzie Cappa artists will be displayed in late August/early September at the Bay Leaf Cafe in Spearfish. And art by Suzie Cappa artist Shawn Bifulco is currently on display at Borders in Rapid City.

Mark your calendar

•**State Softball Tournament**, September 26-27 in Huron.

•**Bowling** begins October 15. It will be held every Thursday at 10:30 and 3:30 at Robbinsdale and at 3:30 at Meadowood.

For information on either of these activities, contact Bill Clucas at 718-6288.

•**Charitable Trust Workshop**, September 10. Contact Colleen Ronning, 718-6203.

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