## Around the Circle A Monthly Newsletter from Community Support Services



September 2022

## **CSS Celebrates Direct Support Professional Week!**







This month, CSS celebrated Direct Support Professional Week. This is a nationally designated time to acknowledge and celebrate our front-line staff for all they do for CSS participants.

CSS has 66 direct support professionals (DSPs) that support participants in all areas of the organization, including individual and group Respite, Community Day Services, and Residential and Independent Living Services. They help individuals achieve their life skills such as cooking, cleaning, and developing independence. Plus, they help maintain a balanced family life for caregivers by providing a scheduled break through Respite.

professional. Daily raffles were held for DSPs to win additional gift cards. A fun outdoor lunch was held at the CSS administrative office. Staff were treated to tacos from Taco Yo in Berwyn. It was a nice afternoon to celebrate. To view more photos from the afternoon, click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

This year, CSS sent personalized cards and gas gift cards to every direct support

A video was also created and features participants sharing their gratitude for their DSPs! Click here to view.

**Susie Begg** 

Thank you DSPs for everything you do!

made possible by the generous donations made at the spring Circles of Support Gala and from other community donations. Donors for this effort include:

Erin Ales

Amy M. Lustig

There is no budget for this type of recognition for our front-line staff so the celebration was

Karen Bernard
Jill and Don Bonfiglio
Jon and Becky Bradley
John and Sharon Campbell
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Robert and Pamela Conlon
Deidre and Tom Connolly
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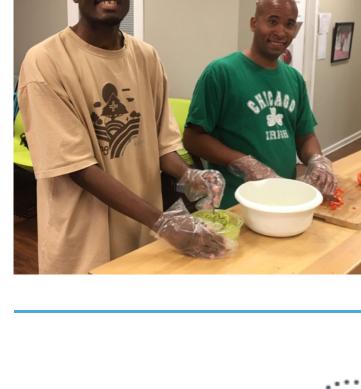
CSS is seeking volunteers.



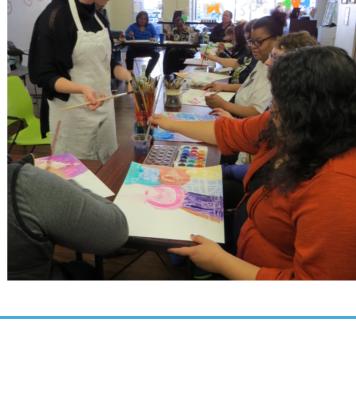
audit oversight at CSS.

The Resource Development Committee (RDC) is also adding new members. The RDC helps acknowledge CSS donors and plans the spring Circles of Support event.

We are also seeking individuals who would like to teach a basic cooking or art class. If you



are interested, please email <u>info@CSSservices.org</u>.







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