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Showing
Appreciation
To Our
Heart and Soul

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This October MOKA will be taking the time to say ***thank you*** to our outstanding direct support staff. It will be an opportunity to give our gracious thanks to the many MOKA employees who work directly with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. We call this annual gathering the “Heart and Soul” Event.

This event is time to recognize the heart and soul of our organization - individuals served and employees that live out our mission each and every day. We can't wait to celebrate our MOKA family and their many triumphs!

Click the "How Can I Help Button" for information on event sponsorship and ad sales - just two of the ways YOU can help support the direct support staff we all know and love!



MOKA Visits the Nonprofit SnapCast

MOKA's own Tracey Hamlet, Angel Reece, and Salvatore Alaimo had the chance to visit the Nonprofit SnapCast podcast to present a Program Evaluation Capacity Building Case Study.

Check out the recording to hear the team chat about topics such as organizational culture and culture change, evaluation Capacity Building (ECB), building a path to sustainability, staying grounded in one's mission and the tyranny of metrics!

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Do you have a shout-out to anyone at MOKA that you think deserves special recognition? We would love to hear from you!

Help us spread the love in our Heart and Soul Program by clicking the button below.

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*"You all deserve to be recognized!!
What would we parents do without you? I am so grateful and thankful for the MOKA program and all of you. I really appreciate all that you do every day, every week, every year."*

- Rosemary Klemp



Advocacy Continues Knowing We Can Do It Together!

As we enter August we continue the fight for Direct Care Workers in Michigan. Our goal is to ensure the MI DSW wage is funded in the 2022 budget. The only

way to do this is by contacting your legislators and telling them it is imperative to support the full funding of the DSW wage for the next fiscal year.

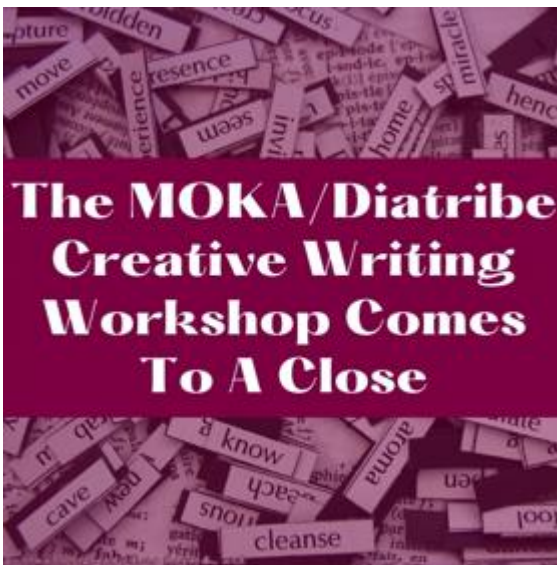
Direct support workers are pivotal in the lives of hundreds of thousands of individuals in Michigan and ***it is our turn to support them.***

Click the resources below to tell your story, to share your voice, and to help ensure the wage increase for Direct Care workers in Michigan becomes permanent.

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Individuals served have spent the last ten weeks in weekly sessions with The Diatribe to learn more about creative writing and the power of spoken word poetry!

Their sessions came to a close the final week of July with a showcase of the work they have done. From learning skills to aid in self care, exploring the work of other poets and their talents, writing their own poems and letters, and bravely participating in something so new - we could not be more proud of their accomplishments!

Thank you again to everyone who helped to make this workshop possible by donating to the MOKA/Diatribes Collaboration Fundraiser. We are so grateful for your support and hope to be able to run this program again when we can all meet in person!

A Warm Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome John Garnsey to MOKA as our IT Intern.

John comes to us from Grand Valley State University where he is pursuing his Master's Degree in Cybersecurity. We can't wait to see what we can achieve with John on our team!



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