



Carolyn Schmidt, a Consumer Support Staff for Opportunity Manor, Inc. was nominated for the 2009 Direct Support Professionals Award presented by Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc (ISA).

ISA developed a new blog, **“Lessons & Lives of Direct Support Professionals”** to showcase support professionals exemplary achievements. OMI was fortunate to have Carolyn’s inspirational story on their new blog on December 15th, 2009.

Please visit their blog <http://siegelagency.wordpress.com/> each week to read stories of triumph, challenge, and quality outcomes from Direct Support Professionals. Carolyn’s is featured below.

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As a Direct Support Professional at [Opportunity Manor Inc.](#), **Carolyn Schmidt** truly cares for the clients and wants what’s best for them. Her compassion and dedication extends into her personal time as she often volunteers after work, contributing to initiatives that will better the lives of the individuals she supports.

Carolyn never misses an opportunity to take clients out into the community. She coordinates activities such as movie outings, parades, and shopping. Understanding the importance of independence, she always offers choices and allows the clients to make their own decisions.

“Everyone benefits from Direct Care. The clients’ quality of life is improved, the staff gets great experience and memories, and the community is exposed to and learns about people that are different from them.” – *Carolyn Schmidt*