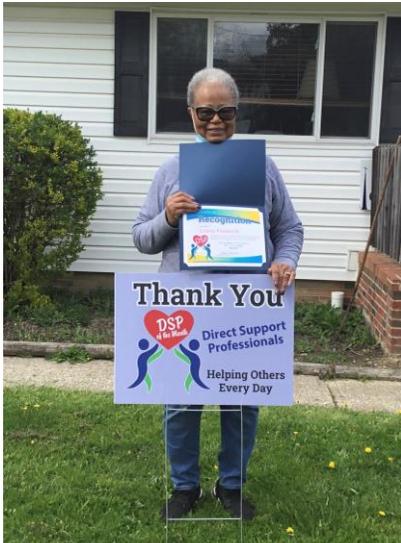


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Louise Frederick



What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I attend church activities which have continued through the pandemic on our prayer line. I meet with my church family for fellowship and prayers services, along with our Sabbath services, six nights a week. I also enjoy spending time with my family, including my great-great grandchildren.

How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?

I have worked as a Direct Support Professional for almost six years, although I started working as a home health aide in 2003 for Easter Seals. Currently, I work for Cleveland Home Health Services.

How did you start in the field?

My girlfriend, Dorothy Utsey's mom suffered a stroke and I began assisting with her care. Dorothy was a STNA, and she helped train me in this field.

Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?

Stacey Acrofi, who was my manager at one of the group homes I once worked in.

What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?

I enjoy taking them on outings, out for breakfast, on walks, and just talking with them.

What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?

I am eighty-two years young and I enjoy working. I have retired three times, but always find my way back to an active work life. Working with people is a joy, and as God continues to give me strength, I pray to be an example of His love to my clients.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in Medina County. Thank you for sharing your dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others every single day.

