

# - DSP Spotlight -

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## Kathi Patrick



**What do you like to do in your free time?** I like to spend time with my grandkids and family and travel.

**How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?** 10 years – 5 years with an agency and 5 years as an independent provider.

**How did you start in the field?** I started working at Aristocrat Berea Healthcare and Rehabilitation with Alzheimer's residents and in the pediatric special needs building.

**What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?** Whatever they choose – it's always their choice on the activities we do.

**What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?** It's not a job, it's just spending time with good people.

**What makes Kathi such a great DSP?:** During the beginning of Covid-19, my daughter was not been able to go out with Kathi, but she stayed in contact with my daughter by phone and text messages. Kathi has sent her cards and books to let her know she misses her and that she can't wait until they can go out together again. Kathi is one of the kindest people we know. She puts the people she works with first no matter what, and she truly cares about them and their well-being. It's not just a job to her. She is one of a kind and we love her.

**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.**



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