



### A Week of Recognition

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week is an opportunity for us to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation. It's a time to reflect on the countless ways in which DSPs make a difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their commitment ensures that people receive the care they need in a respectful, dignified, and empowering manner.

### The Power of DSP Work

Every day, DSPs bring a unique blend of skills, empathy, and dedication to their role. Here are just a few ways in which their work transforms lives:

- **Empowering Independence:** Through their support, many participants are able to achieve greater independence and self-sufficiency. Their encouragement and guidance help participants live fuller, more meaningful lives.
- **Creating Connections:** They foster important relationships and social connections that combat isolation and promote community inclusion. By helping participants build and maintain these relationships, they enrich lives and contribute to a more inclusive society.
- **Providing Stability:** Their presence provides a sense of stability and security. Knowing that there is someone who cares deeply and is committed to participants' well-being offers immense comfort and reassurance to those they support.
- **Advocating for Needs:** They are powerful advocates for the needs and rights of those they serve. Their efforts in navigating systems, accessing resources, and ensuring that participants receive appropriate care are invaluable.

As part of DSP Recognition Week, we encourage everyone to take a moment to show appreciation for the DSPs in their lives. Whether through a note of thanks, a small gift, or simply a kind word, let's make sure that our gratitude is felt.

THANK  
YOU!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

*Thank You* for joining us in our mission!

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## JOIN US AT ABLED EVENTS!

### Pumpkin Painting

Sep 19, Thursday  
1701 Windhoek Dr, Lincoln  
9:00 am



### Junkstock Fall Festival

Sep 27, Friday  
1150 River Road Dr, Waterloo  
10:30 am (RSVP by 9/27)



### Trail of Treasures—Yard Sales

Oct 4, Friday  
61032 726.5 Rd Crab Orchard (Barn)  
9:00 am – 2:00pm  
Heritage Highway 136 (All Day Sales)



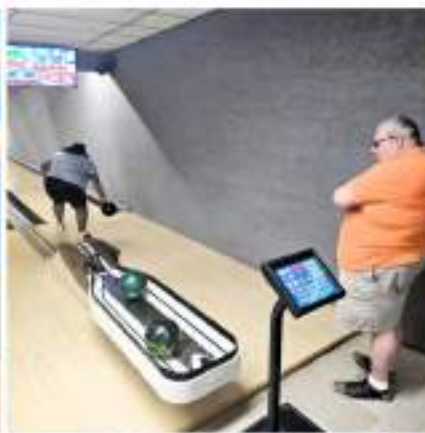
- - Free Activities for Staff and Participants - -

ABLED EVENT  
PAINTING  
AT THE PARK  
AUG 19

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ABLED EVENT  
SEWARD  
BOWLING  
AUG 26

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**ABLED EVENT  
MAHONEY  
STATE PARK  
SEP 6**

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ABLED EVENT  
HUSKER  
VOLLEYBALL  
PARTY  
SEP 7TH

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# SEALED BY THE SPIRIT!

If you need a reason to celebrate, consider Paul's word in Ephesians 1:13:

**"In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" (ESV).**



One of the many key points found in the book of Ephesians is that believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.

A seal, both in the past and today, serves as an identifying mark to establish ownership. It's similar to a stamp, though seals carry a more binding significance. Seals were employed on letters and documents, and, when a king issued a decree, a seal made it legally binding (see Daniel 6:7–9). In the ancient world, seals were also used on animals and even people. What sets Christians apart is the nature of our seal. Rather than a mere mark, Christians are sealed with a Person.

The Holy Spirit dwelling within us serves as a form of identification, a seal that demonstrates our belonging to God. We belong to Christ when we have the Holy Spirit living in us as a seal, a mark of identification. What a privilege to have God's Spirit dwelling in us!

The Holy Spirit provides both internal and external assurance that we are secure in Christ. Internally, the Holy Spirit generates a desire to please God, a deeper conviction, and even a transformed purpose for our lives. While new believers may often experience a joy and enthusiasm akin to the infatuation of a new relationship, this is not always the case. Some may find assurance through a quiet conviction.

Externally, our assurance is derived from God's Word. As we read, study, and meditate on Scripture, the Spirit confirms our salvation. The external assurance is especially valuable during times when the flesh seems to prevail.

The Holy Spirit, as a seal, provides us with the confidence that we belong to God and that our salvation is secure. The Spirit guides us, illuminating Scripture, bestowing gifts for the benefit of the body of Christ, and empowering us to fulfill God's will.

GotQuestions.org (n.d.). What does it mean that believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise Ephesians 1:13?. *GotQuestions.org*. (Video).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/sealed-with-the-Holy-Spirit-of-promise.html>