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Today marks the beginning of Direct Support Professional Recognition Week. This national movement brings attention to the critical role of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in supporting people with autism and developmental disabilities. Your dedication and commitment bring our mission to life:

***To enable people with autism and pervasive developmental disabilities to participate in community life, exercise productive control over their own lives, have meaningful relationships, and associations, be gainfully employed, and experience happiness and personal satisfaction.***

Everyone at Benhaven knows that our DSP workforce is the backbone of our agency. You are the dedicated professionals that guide the people we support along the path toward fulfilling lives of inclusion and meaning.

We honor and value you, our DSPs, and to show our appreciation, we have special moments planned to express our gratitude. Please take a moment to allow us to show you, our appreciation.

I hope you will also take a moment to give a shout-out to each other and acknowledge your commitment, compassion and contribution to our mission.

I, personally, would like to acknowledge my gratitude and appreciate for all of our DSP's. Benhaven is an impressive organization because of you!

With gratitude,

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