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Empowering people with disabilities to realize  
there are **no limits** to what they can do!

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## DeKalb County RAMP to Celebrate 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**March 2, 2009** – RAMP is excited to announce that we will be celebrating our fifteen year anniversary in DeKalb County-that's fifteen years of service and advocacy! The DeKalb County office will hold a celebration to commemorate the 15th anniversary. RAMP will host an informal reception at the DeKalb County office, 1022 West Lincoln Highway, to honor colleagues, associates and friends on Wednesday, May 20th from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

When the doors opened 15 years ago, RAMP was serving 44 people with disabilities. Today, RAMP serves more than 235 people with disabilities in DeKalb County through our comprehensive Independent Living Services. The DeKalb County RAMP continues to assist each person that seeks our services and wants to achieve their goals by...

- Requiring that they be part of the solution and take an active role.
- Being emphatic that each person's disability is only part of who they are and focus more on their abilities.
- Always being honest with them about their choices and opportunities as well as the possible benefits and/or consequences of those same options.
- Encouraging them to use the talents and passions they possess to create a life of which they are proud, enjoy and are part of society as a whole.

RAMP looks forward to spending another 15 years in DeKalb County in the pursuit of dreams and independence for people with disabilities.

RAMP is a passionate partner for people with disabilities desiring to live a useful and rewarding life. RAMP empowers people with disabilities to realize there are no limits to what they can do. This is accomplished by assisting them to live independently, make changes in their lives, seek peer support, obtain resources and remove barriers that threaten their dreams of independence. RAMP advocates the implementation of current laws, promotion of needed legislation and improvement of existing systems for persons with disabilities while working to diminish negative attitudes that threaten to impede equal access. RAMP advocates for and serves people with disabilities out of four offices located in Boone, DeKalb, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties. RAMP is a United Way Member Agency.

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