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DeKalb County RAMP Introduces Tina Vavra

February 17, 2009 – After an extensive search, RAMP is pleased to introduce our new DeKalb County RAMP Manager, Tina Vavra.

Tina Vavra comes to RAMP from Oak Crest as the Social Service Coordinator and was previously the Director of Dementia Care at Pine Acres. Tina graduated from WIU with a B.S. in Therapeutic recreation and is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Tina's passion about working at RAMP comes from her background with, "therapeutic recreation which promotes leisure and independence through education and treatment for people with disabilities. Since RAMP is a center for independent living that promotes full participation in all aspects of life for people with disabilities, daily I am able to partner with consumers to find their best quality of life." Tina is enthusiastic to work at RAMP due to her, "love for working with and meeting people." Tina is most excited to, "promote RAMP and the independent living philosophy and to let people know that a life full of dreams can be accomplished through hard work and dedication."

All of RAMP's employees have one thing in common, and that is their passion for RAMP's mission to promote an accessible society that allows and expects full participation by people with disabilities.

For more information please contact your local RAMP office.

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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