

# Mike DeLorenzo is Living the Mission



Mike DeLorenzo, Family Support Worker in the West Region's Danbury Office has been 'Living the Mission' according to Lori Ann Greer who works with Mike on occasion evaluating Family cases. Lori said that she is fortunate to work with "a dedicated, supportive coworker who provides the opportunity for those individuals he services to live the mission". She claims Mike's only negative characteristic as not drinking coffee.

Mike has worked for DDS for over 22 years, previously as a MRWII in Stratford, Ella Grasso. He likes science, cooking, travel, sandy white beaches and real estate. Mike applied for a summer position at DDS and has been with us ever since. He said that he never guessed that a summer job would turn into one of his passions. Working with the individuals and their families has developed a great compassion that he wasn't aware of in his previous career in the car industry. Mike said that he is "appreciative for having coworkers and a supervisor who appreciate, respect and validate his work".

Lori said that she feels that an example of Mike living the mission was shown by his caring during Storm Sandy. Mike lives in Stratford which was hard hit by the storm. And even though he was without power for days he called her to make sure she was ok as he knew she lived in New York City. She said that he responded to her asking him how he was by saying that he had no power, power lines were down, his house was cold but he was "having a great day". He said that he had just come back from taking one of his elderly neighbors out for a hot meal. Lori states that this act of kindness mirrors the way Mike performs his job as a Family Support Worker. He lives the mission because he uses his personal talents and passion in his community life, and realizes his responsibilities to others within his own community. Mike demonstrates his meaningful and empowering relationships through his acts of kindness.