

# Randi Pivarnik is Living the Mission at STS



Randi Pivarnik, Developmental Service Worker 1 (DSW1) at West Region's Southbury Training School in Southbury, CT was caught 'Living the Mission' by her coworker Jennifer Booth. Jennifer describes Randi as having a bright, bubbly personality which affects everyone around her. Randi thinks outside the box and creates an atmosphere of learning and her enthusiasm makes everything fun, exciting and new. The individuals she works with love her and she challenges them to do their best every day.

Randi has worked at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for 23 years as a DSW1 caring for consumers in Cottage 7 at Southbury Training School and has hobbies such as arts and crafts, baking and recently won 'best presentation' and 'best overall' for cupcakes she made for a fundraiser.

Here's Randi's story that is an example of her "Living the Mission" here at DDS. When Randi heard about the kickoff event for the new Mission Statement, she immediately thought of the consumers that she works with on a daily basis and how she could include them in support of the initiative. Originally, she was going to dye tee shirts turquoise for the consumers to wear.

Randi discussed the initiative with her son Mathew who talked about it with his art teacher at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury, CT. Mathew's discussion with his teacher to create tee shirts as a graphic design project for our consumers was taken on the next day by the class at the high school.

Randi said "I've been working for DDS for 23 years and my son has seen and heard how the STS staff are always trying to involve our consumers in meaningful projects and building new relationships. This was my son's way of being a part of that. This was also a great example of partnering with the community. I am looking forward to seeing my ladies and gentlemen sporting their turquoise colored t-shirts on "Living the Mission" day".

