

Chantal Sicile-Kira to speak at Pathfinder Services, Inc. Annual Dinner on November 7th

Pathfinder Services, Inc. will celebrate its Annual Community Recognition Dinner Saturday, November 7th, 2009 at Huntington University. This year's dinner will have a special keynote speaker in Chantal Sicile-Kira. The dinner will also reveal the new look of the organization presenting the new logos and honoring all employees who have served at least 25 years.

Chantal Sicile-Kira is an international speaker, author and advocate who has been involved with autism spectrum disorders for over 20 years as both a parent and a professional on both sides of the Atlantic. Kira will share her story of "Raising a Child with Autism" as well as "Preparing Ourselves and Preparing for Change". Her son Jeremy, now 20, has autism.

Kira's family has been highlighted in the Newsweek cover story "Growing up with Autism" and featured in the MTV documentary True Life series, in "I Have Autism" which was the recipient of a 2008 Voice Award.

Also at the dinner the prestigious Herbert D. LaMont award will be presented to an outstanding citizen of Huntington for his or her work with adults and/or children with disabilities. The Timothy Hancher award honoring a direct service staff member of Pathfinder Services, Inc. will be presented at the dinner. Outstanding community partners of the organization will also be honored.

Pathfinder Services' recognition dinner will be held at Habecker Dining Commons, adjacent to the Merillat Centre on the grounds of Huntington University. The evening will start with a punch reception at 4:45 where guests will have the opportunity to meet Chantal Sicile-Kira, followed by dinner at 5:30. The dinner will conclude with Kira's presentation to those in attendance.

The price is \$20 per person for dinner and Kira's presentation, and Corporate Tables of ten are available for \$190.

Anyone interested in attending should call Jason Meyer at Pathfinder Services at (260) 356-0500 by Friday, October 23rd to make their reservation. A reservation form for the dinner can also be found at www.pathfinderservices.org.

Pathfinder Services, Inc. is a local not for profit organization specializing in working with people with and without disabilities, and has been serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services, Inc. serves over 2,000 individuals with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana, and also has office locations in Wabash and Plymouth.