

# Peak Community Services honors staff

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**ROYAL CENTER** - Staff members at Peak Community Services were honored for their dedication to persons with developmental disabilities during a recent celebration at Occasions in Royal Center.

The "You Make The Difference" award went to Jacquie Wethington, Holly Brewer, Jennifer Roush, Megan Okuly, Connie English and Bonnie Bell, a group of staff members who worked together to honor the consumers who chose Peak Community Services to be their provider.

The "Shooting Star" award went to Darlene Olds, who was nominated by her co-workers because of her great rapport

with consumers and co-workers alike. Co-workers note that she adheres to the philosophy that "less is more" in terms of doing for consumers, and as a consequence, consumers find that they can do more.

The "Peak Performer," or employee of the year, award went to Nicki Gunter, who was nominated by a slew of individuals. In the position of chief financial officer, Nicki is responsible for the overall budgeting process, tracking of income and expense and making recommendations for spending or not spending money for the programs of the agency.

"While she is an accountant," the agency said in a news release, "she understands that we serve people who need sup-

ports. Under her leadership, the financial division finds ways to further the mission of the agency, to create opportunities and support success for the individuals we support."

The "Super Heroes" award went to three staff members for doing what had to be done under trying circumstances.

Mark Pilger was honored for getting several consumers to safety after a traffic accident, even though he was injured.

Ken and Brenda Graves were honored for their efforts to save the life of a consumer who suffered a fatal heart attack at this summer's Special Olympics games in Terre Haute. In addition to staying with the consumer during the crisis, they also provided com-

fort to the consumers who remained at the games.

In addition to the special awards, the following staff were honored for their years of service.

- 5 years: Jan Adair, Ray Aldridge, Katherine Chumbley, Amanda Cole, Tina Foust, Kimberly Haulcy, Katy Heigl, Danny Lonsinger, Tim Main, Lyndy Miller, Angala Royer, Peggy Ruff, Jill Smith, Lindsey Smith, Wendy Stanley, Cherene Trusty, Ashley Williams, Jo Zielinski, Scott Zuehl.

- 10 years: Ben Blameuser, Kim Grogan, Nancy Hughes, Jessica Patrick, Carol Shidler, Jodie Simpson.

- 15 years: Kelly Bendel.

- 25 years: Donna Barr and Pam Shook.

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