

Rachel Schuld Wins National Award!



At the APSE (Association of People Supporting Employment First) National Conference in Portland, Oregon, this June, My Choice participant Rachel Schuld was honored with a **Personal Achievement Award**. This award recognizes the achievement of a person with a disability through integrated employment or self-employment.

Rachel will receive the award on August 27th during a presentation at her church, Trinity Christian Reformed in Rock Valley, Iowa. The soft-spoken 23 year old, who calls the award “pretty amazing”, made the decision to receive the award at her church, as it’s played an important part in her road to employment. Rachel is currently employed at Kingdom Kids Daycare in Inwood, but lives in Rock Valley. Church members sign up each week to get her to and from work every day, allowing Rachel to realize her dream of working full time at a daycare.

Rachel’s employment is part of the My Choice Employment program at Hope Haven, Inc. wherein people with disabilities obtain and maintain employment in the community. The My Choice Employment Program also recently received the prestigious APSE “Best Practices Award”. Hope Haven has been a leader in Iowa for integrated employment services, and continues to serve as a standard for many organizations implementing community employment.

