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September 2020 Newsletter



Dear MOKA Supporter,

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing Labor Day. Labor Day first became a federal holiday in 1894, and celebrates the social and economic achievements of American workers.

I am asking that you take a few moments out of your day to support Direct Care Workers. The temporary legislative wage increase for direct care employees is scheduled to expire on September 30. We believe that the continuation of this wage increase is critical. Not only to support the additional measures our front line employees are taking due to the pandemic, but as a step towards recognition of the valuable profession of direct care. We are advocating that this wage increase be made permanent in the state's fiscal year 2021 budget which begins October 1.

Please take a moment to contact your state legislators. We've prepared a template [HERE](#) that can be emailed or mailed to your representatives. You can copy and paste this template and add your own personal story of why this financial recognition of our state's critical direct care workforce is so important. Although the legislature is the primary audience for this ask, there is also a link to the Governor's office as her support of this measure is also important.

MOKA Apparel

Another way you can support MOKA is to purchase MOKA apparel. 20% of each apparel purchase is donated to the MOKA Foundation. We have recently launched neck gaiters and masks. We also offer shirts, sweatshirts and jackets.



To purchase a piece of MOKA apparel, please click [here](#).

Ways to Continue Supporting MOKA.

- Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter. Share our posts and help spread the word about MOKA, the amazing individuals we support, and our incredible employees.
- Do you know a family member or friend looking for a job? MOKA is hiring! Apply online at moka.org/careers. We are hiring for Residential Support Staff to provide essential services to individuals living in our group homes.
- Make a [donation](#) to support our work. We have experienced an increase in our costs for supplies, food costs due to added delivery, and many other unexpected consequences of managing through this disruption. If you are fortunate and your employment hasn't been affected during this time, please consider making a donation.

We are so grateful for you. Your support has been unwavering and we have felt loved, appreciated and connected.

MOKA remains committed to providing quality care to the individuals we are blessed to serve. We remain dedicated to our mission of over 40 years, to create opportunities for

independence and acceptance in our communities by supporting children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Tracey Hamlet

Executive Director

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