



## ***We Want to Share Our Exciting News about a New Project!***



## ***Please Join Us at a Kickoff Celebration for PathWays!***

*Self Advocacy: The ability to understand and effectively communicate one's needs and desires to others.*

Come learn about this new project awarded to the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation! *PathWays* is funded through a grant from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The *PathWays* project is designed to assist students and young adults with developmental disabilities, ages 16 through 24, to learn self advocacy skills that promote their success in participating in their educational plans and their life throughout the community.

*PathWays* is a partnership between the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation and the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE), Hinsdale South, Hinsdale Central, Lyons Township, Riverside Brookfield High Schools and Helping Hand.

Over seventy students and young adults will be participating in this project. A unique feature will be the development of a *Self Advocacy Academy* planned for summer of 2008. At the Kickoff you will meet the *PathWays* staff and hear about their plans for assisting students, schools and the business community on topics on, and related to, self advocacy.

***Thursday  
October 11, 2007  
8:00 am to 9:00am***

***at the  
West Suburban Chamber  
of  
Commerce and Industry  
9440 West Joliet Road, Suite B  
Hodgkins, IL***

***Please RSVP by October 5th  
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