

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Pathfinder Services, Inc. Kicks Off Disability Awareness Month at the Roanoke Public Library**

Pathfinder Services, Inc. began their Disability Awareness Month activities by speaking to children at the Roanoke Public Library on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> during Story Time. Kari Goetz and Michelle Duncan, both of Pathfinder Services, Inc., spoke about this year's theme of "Attitude is Everything".

Goetz and Duncan had the children participate in several activities geared at putting the children in the place of adults with disabilities. One activity Goetz and Duncan had students participate in was geared at getting students to name all items found in various rooms of a house, then Goetz used the analogy of what a kitchen would be without a refrigerator. Goetz then explained that by leaving someone out of games or activities, they may miss the most important part of playing- friendship.

Goetz and Duncan answered questions the students had regarding Disability Awareness Month and Pathfinder Services, Inc. Goetz and Duncan distributed brochures and stickers promoting "Attitude is Everything" and Celebrate Disability Awareness 2008. The goal of this year's campaign is to encourage Hoosiers to have positive attitudes about disabilities and to unite with others in everyday activities.

March is Disability awareness month, and Pathfinder Services, Inc. will speak to Riverview Middle School Students on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information on Pathfinder Services, Inc.'s Disability Awareness month activities or to schedule activities for your school please call Jason Meyer at (260) 356-0500.

Pathfinder Services is a local not for profit organization specializing in working with people with disabilities, and has been serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services, Inc. serves over 2,000 individuals with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services, Inc. please call their Huntington office at (260) 356-0500 or visit [www.pathfinderservices.org](http://www.pathfinderservices.org).