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Dear AbilityLinks Supporter,

I would like to ask you to sponsor **AbilityLinks** and our upcoming **2009 Consortium Conference and Employment Expo**, a full day of education and networking designed to build work places that embrace disability as part of diversity. A goal that is more important than ever...

Students with disabilities graduating college in increasing numbers means **more disabled persons working**. Since disability increases with age, so does an aging population planning to work longer. Understanding disability and welcoming this growing talent pool is a challenge that can enhance a company's brand and give it a competitive recruiting advantage today. **AbilityLinks** is here to help.

Serving all businesses and job seekers with disabilities and launched in 2001, **AbilityLinks** is a free program of Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. Through the newly re designed **AbilityLinks.org** job board and educational programs, almost 300 individuals and employers have successfully been matched so far. We need your support to do more.

One of AbilityLinks 2009 goals is to surpass the wonderful success achieved at last year's conference. Here are a few highlights:

- More than 250 Chicagoland job seekers, recruiters and disability employment professionals in attendance
- Highly rated educational sessions including ones on Disability Awareness, Employment Law and Benefits of Hiring Persons with Disabilities
- An outstanding awards ceremony honoring successful **AbilityLinks** job seekers and exemplary businesses
- More than 30 exhibitors sharing information about employment opportunities and unique resources for job seekers and recruiters
- An inspiring key note address from Randy Lewis, Walgreens Senior Vice President of Logistics on a unique and successful approach to employing persons with disabilities at all levels of the Walgreens organization

The **2009 AbilityLinks Consortium Conference and Employment Expo** is being hosted in part by the DoubleTree Guest Suites & Conference Center in Downers Grove, Illinois on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Please take a look at our 2009 Sponsorship Opportunities and contact Ken Skord, AbilityLinks Program Director at 630-909-7440 or kskord@abilitylinks.org if you have any questions. I look forward to your support and on behalf of the more than 200 organizations in the **AbilityLinks Consortium**, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Best wishes,

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