

**Mr. Michael Anderson: Value Options/Synergy  
2005 Consumer Personal Success of the Year**



Mr. Michael Anderson will be honored at a special luncheon sponsored by Value Options/Synergy at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit on March 24, 2005. Mr. Anderson was selected from a number of entries in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Month. He is 55 years old, a Detroit resident, and has been involved with STEP since 1993. In addition to having a developmental disability Mr. Anderson is visually impaired (legally blind). Before he moved into his own apartment he was the unfortunate victim of a random shooting on the streets and was close to death.

Despite his challenges and circumstances Mr. Anderson has been very successful in making a life he has dreamed of and this includes residing independently for the past five years in his own apartment. He has learned and is able to take care of his personal needs with a minimum of help from STEP and others in his life, including a floor captain who checks on him as needed.

Mr. Anderson is very actively involved in his community and in a way that he contributes to the welfare and advancement of others. He is heavily involved with his church, the Greater Grace Temple, where he sings in the choir. He has been a member of the Meditation Outreach Program for the past two years, playing the trumpet and participating in concerts which entertain and play for nursing homes, prisons, and his church.

He is a member of the Midwest Blind Bowling Association and bowls every Saturday during league play. He has recently become involved with the Lions Club on a monthly basis. An outgoing, easygoing, and giving person, Mr. Anderson has been accepted at all levels of his involvement in his chosen activities.

Mr. Anderson has made many friends and has meaningful relationships with his co-workers, a girlfriend, and with those in his community. We congratulate Mr. Anderson for all of his achievements, now and in the future.