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Hello to all,

My name is Monica and I have been a DSP for 10+ years. I really enjoy the work that I do and enjoy working with individuals that I support at Living Opportunities. Before doing SLP, I worked at a residential site and enjoyed watching those individuals make amazing choices or the smiles on their faces when certain staff walk through the doors. As an SLP, I enjoy assisting individuals make healthy choices, assist with daily outings, or even just talking to them.

Although the years have so many greats and down moments, I can't tell you how much that it felt that some days weren't enough not just in their lives but in my personal life.

Due to wages, I've had to think about what bill to pay or how to get food for my family. Sometimes it has been hard to pay for things personally even if I budget the heck out of it.

All I ask is that you consider raising our wages, it's not just me that struggle but other employees that have small or big families, or even big ideas. We all enjoy our work but we also enjoy to be happy and not bring our stress to the sites. Because even though we all try to leave our troubles at the door before walking in, our emotions, our vibes, can still be felt by those we support.

Thank you for your time!

Monica Hendry from Living Opportunities in Medford.