

## Disability Network founder retires

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Holland, MI — Disability Network/Lakeshore will celebrate the retirement of its founder and executive director Ruth Stegeman with a reception at City Flats Hotel's Sen Lounge, 61 E. Seventh St., tonight.

The reception will be from 4 to 8 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Stegeman founded the organization — which serves people with disabilities and their families in Ottawa and Allegan counties — in 1992.

As executive director, Stegeman “has left her mark on many and is esteemed for her strong advocacy,” a press release from the Disability Network/Lakeshore stated.

“Stewardship is a hallmark in her leadership and sharing the spirit of the disability rights movement with passion and without judgment to the wider community.”

Stegeman plans to work as an independent consultant after retirement, according to the release.

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