Patricia Oluokun loves making an impact

Patricia Oluokun has worked for May Institute for the past 23 years and is currently a program coordinator for the May Center for Adult Services in the Eastern Massachusetts division, responsible for the day-to-day operations of a group residence in the Boston area.

Founded more than 65 years ago, May Institute is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorder, developmental disabilities, brain injury and neurobehavioral disorders and other special needs.

Oluokun oversees the community and leisure activities for four individuals who live in the home, in addition to managing their medical appointments and helping them stay healthy. She provides outstanding direct care to the residents while also fulfilling various administrative duties, such as staff training and scheduling.

Her easy-going but direct personality helps her effectively interact with her staff and care for the residents. Oluokun has a good sense of humor that makes her a pleasure to work with. Through the years, she has fostered a solid team in her home that has resulted in an incredible level of consistency. The residents feel comfortable in their home and all of them have thrived over time. Families and guardians trust Oluokun to care for their loved ones and rely on her skills and abilities.

“Patricia is meticulous in paying attention to detail when it comes to overseeing the medical needs of her residents,” said Jim Davis, a director of residential services for the May Center for Adult Services for May Institute’s Eastern Massachusetts division. “She ensures that all medical appointments are attended and properly documented. As the residents age, this can often become quite a challenging task.”

Oluokun holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology, guidance and counseling from the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria. Before coming to the US, she was a teacher in Nigeria.

“May Institute helps people be as independent as possible,” Oluokun said. “That is also a passion of mine. Every day I am so happy because I have made an impact on another person’s life.”