**Gary LeVox of Rascal Flatts to Campaign for Developmental Disabilities**

*Country Superstar Is Former Job Coach For Ohio Citizens With Disabilities*

Columbus – Gary Levox, lead singer of superstar vocal group Rascal Flatts, is headlining a public service announcement asking Ohioans to support Direct Service Providers (DSP’s) in their care for people with developmental disabilities.

LeVox hails from Columbus and, before making it big in Nashville, was a Direct Service Provider with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

*“I was coaching and working with 7 to 8 people with disabilities every day, teaching them different jobs and life skills. I forged lifelong friendships and spent so much time teaching them how to fulfill their dreams, I hadn’t realized all that they were teaching me.”,* said Gary.

The PSA is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) in partnership with the Ohio Provider Resource Association and Advancing Abilities. It will air in media markets across the state starting July 1st 2019 as the Ohio legislature considers wage increases for DSP’s to fight a growing workforce crisis that is leaving citizens with developmental disabilities in desperate need of care, friendship, and coaching.

DODD Director Jeff Davis shared his enthusiasm about adding Gary’s voice to support DSPs:

*“Gary LeVox has such a heart for Ohioans with developmental disabilities. We appreciate him offering to help and are excited to share his story to show Ohioans the amazing work done by DSP’s.”*

The best-selling country vocal group of the past decade, Rascal Flatts, have achieved seventeen No. One hits and sold over 27 million records. The group has also earned over 40 trophies from the ACA, ACM, AMA, CMA, People’s Choice and more, also making them the most awarded country group of the past decade.