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**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ANNOUNCES CAREERS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
AS AWARD WINNER OF  
3rd ANNUAL BEST NONPROFITS TO WORK FOR**

*The People Have Chosen*

**Valhalla, NY** - Opportunity Knocks announces that CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. is a winner of the [3rd Annual Peoples Choice Best Nonprofit to Work For Awards](#). Winners were selected from nominations based on employee essay submissions. National nominations were held December 1, 2009 through January 15, 2010, and employees were told to submit a brief essay on why they consider their organization a great place to work.

"We place the needs of our disabled clients first and foremost, recognizing their abilities and guiding them to reach their fullest potential," Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria said. "We are thrilled to be recognized nationally as a great nonprofit to work for, and as an organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people in Westchester and Putnam Counties."

CAREERS was named one of five nationwide winners with an operating budget of \$1 to \$5 million. Nominators could take into consideration factors that are important to them such as quality of work/life balance, their organizations' adherence to its mission, camaraderie of employees, unique benefits, training programs, and career paths. "CAREERS is extremely dedicated to its mission and serving the needs of its clients," Kathy Shallo, who has worked for the agency for 19 years and nominated it for the award said. "CAREERS' administration also constantly strives to obtain the best for its employees, as well as the agency, which makes it a very rewarding place to work."

"Opportunity Knocks continues to see the need to provide nonprofit professionals a platform to give recognition and appreciation to the organizations providing quality work environments for the people in jobs that change the world," Karen Beavor, President and CEO of Opportunity Knocks, said. The 3rd Annual Peoples Choice Best Nonprofit to Work For Awards demonstrates how nonprofit organizations can not only make a difference in the community but also have an incredibly positive impact on the lives of the people that work for them."

**About CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc.** Since 1987, CAREERS has provided job placement and support services to people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties and made over 1,800 individual job placements and provided services to thousands of people. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful

*employment in the communities in which they live. They work one-one-one with each client and employer to facilitate ongoing success in the workplace, and help those with disabilities reach their maximum level of self-support and self-reliance. All of CAREERS' services are provided free of charge to clients and employers. For additional information about how CAREERS helps disabled individuals, or employers in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Valhalla office, which serves central and lower Westchester at 914-741-8500, or the Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at 845-225-8007. For more information, please visit [www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org](http://www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org).*

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