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Tina Cornish-Lauria Receives Putnam Community Service Network Award

Carmel, NY - - CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. (CAREERS), a non-profit organization dedicated to finding productive employment for individuals with disabilities, announces its Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria received a Professional Career Recognition Award by the Putnam Community Service Network (PCSN). Tina was recognized for her over 30 years of dedicated service to individuals with disabilities at PCSN's 27th Annual Awards Breakfast. She has served as CAREERS' Executive Director for over two decades and led the agency in placing more than 2,000 people with disabilities in jobs and providing services to thousands of others.

The PCSN is a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County. It holds an Annual Award Breakfast to recognize community volunteers, professionals and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and/or community services in Putnam County. This year's event was held on Friday, September 28th at the Clearpool Education Center in Carmel, NY.

"I am so honored to receive this award recognizing my long professional career helping people with disabilities reach their full potential." Tina Cornish-Lauria said. "I'm extremely blessed to be able to perform a job I absolutely love. Over the past 25 years, CAREERS has helped thousands of individuals with disabilities become self-sufficient through jobs in the community and I am proud to have led the agency in providing services that have improved the quality of life for so many".

The breakfast was attended by hundreds of Putnam County professionals and volunteers, as well as Congresswoman Nan Hayworth, Assemblymen Stephen Katz and Sandy Galef and a representative of Senator Greg Ball, all of whom recognized Tina with Certificates of Merit. Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell also issued a Proclamation citing Tina's long and productive service in Putnam County.

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 2,000 individual job placements and provided services to thousands of others.. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live. They work one-on-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.

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CAREERS Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria (right) is congratulated by Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell for receiving the 2012 Professional Career Award at the 27th Annual Putnam Community Services Network Awards Breakfast. Tina has provided over 30 years of service to individuals with disabilities throughout Putnam and Westchester Counties.