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CAREERS for People with Disabilities Chosen by
Staples Associate to Receive \$1,000 Grant

Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

Valhalla, New York, January 18, 2013 – CAREERS for People with Disabilities has been awarded **\$1,000** by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a new program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“CAREERS’ relies on the support of good corporate citizens like Staples in order to provide our services free of charge to disabled individuals,” said Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director. “Our special one-on-one relationship with each client and employer facilitates ongoing success in the workplace, and helps those with disabilities become self-reliant, confident, contributing members of the community.”

In 2012, U.S. associates directed more than \$1.4 million of Staples Foundation grants to 434 local non-profit organizations. The new program, called **2 Million & Change**, will award additional funds to organizations around the world, reaching more than \$2 million in grants for the year.

The grants are part of a new philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills.

“Staples Foundation is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where our associates live and work,” said Katy Dobbs, director of global community relations for Staples, Inc. “Through our new program, we are pleased to support our associates and the local non-profit organizations that matter to them most.”

Since 1987, CAREERS has made over 2,100 job placements and provided support services to well over 6,000 people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties. CAREERS’ mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live.

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For more information on CAREERS programs for 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.

About Staples Community and Giving

Staples contributes to educational and youth-oriented community efforts, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples and Staples Foundation have helped more than 6,000 organizations in 2,000 communities across 27 countries. Community and Giving is also an integral component of Staples Soul, which recognizes the connection between long-term business success and the impact Staples has on associates, communities and the planet. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.

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