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H.O.P.E. For Youth Foundation and Entergy Award Grants to CAREERS for People with Disabilities

Carmel, New York, February 24, 2014 – Grants from **The H.O.P.E. For Youth Foundation** and **Entergy** have gotten the new year off to a great start for **CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc.**, a non-profit whose mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live.

H.O.P.E. For Youth President Jim Witt presented CAREERS' High School Transition Coordinator Marie O'Connor with a check for \$3,000 in support of its School-to-Work Transition program at the Rotary Club of Peekskill luncheon on Thursday, February 20th.

"Since 2005, Jim Witt and The H.O.P.E. For Youth Foundation have provided funding for CAREERS and the students who benefit from our programs", said Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director. "We match and train high school juniors and seniors with jobs in their community based on their abilities, then follow-up with support from CAREERS' staff. Special thanks to The H.O.P.E. For Youth Foundation for allowing us to help students achieve independence through employment for the past nine years!"

"Entergy also continues to be a supporter of CAREERS and we sincerely appreciate the recent endorsement of our Workforce Readiness, Placement and Training program that this \$5,000 grant represents," continued Ms. Cornish-Lauria. "Grants from good corporate citizens such as Entergy enable us to provide our services free of charge to disabled individuals."

Since 1987, CAREERS has made over 2,200 job placements and provided support services to well over 6,000 people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties. In 2013, CAREERS' placed 120 people in new jobs -- an 11% increase over 2012.

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, or friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CAREERSforPeople>.

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