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**LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS WITH CAREERS
AND RECEIVES AWARD FOR FURTHERING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Valhalla, NY - - CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. (CAREERS) announces that Carmel Movie Theatre, Inc. has received a Local Award for its contribution in providing jobs for individuals with disabilities. The award was presented by the Mid-Hudson Employment Alliance at the National Disability Awareness Month Awards Ceremony held October 27 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY. Marcie Scher, the former theater manager, accepted the award on behalf of the Carmel Movie Theatre.

CAREERS nominated the Carmel Movie Theatre for the award. "The Carmel Movie Theatre has been a supportive employer and advocate for people with disabilities," Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director of CAREERS for People with Disabilities, says. "Marcie Scher, the former theater manager, has been a strong advocate for hiring people with disabilities, and even created volunteer internship positions to create a hands-on learning experience for them. This has been a win-win partnership for everyone."

The event's keynote speaker was Danielle Spencer, an actress and a child star in ABC's hit comedy "What's Happening, who became disabled in 1994 when a lower back condition required her to use a wheelchair. Charlie North, President of the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce emceed the event, which was attended by approximately 150 people.

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-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 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.

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