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**We placed 113 people in new jobs & 63 in internships during 2017!**

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## **Ambition In Motion (AIM) – Expanding Horizons in Putnam County**

Four years ago, Doug Cuzzi would never have imagined he could have a job he enjoyed while spending time each week learning new things with friends. And he certainly couldn't have imagined talking about it in front of 200 people!



Doug did all these things and more, gaining skills he needed by volunteering in the community with CAREERS Ambition In Motion (AIM) Program. His growth within the program led to an internship at Tops Friendly Market and Edible Arrangements, where he was offered a part-time position! We were thrilled to present Doug with a Personal Achievement Award at our Annual Anniversary Celebration in October (pictured left), and everyone at the event was impressed by his remarks about his experience with AIM.

AIM is a unique program launched by CAREERS in 2013 for individuals not yet ready for traditional supported employment. With their Community Instructor Dave Duncan, participants explore and interact throughout Putnam County, building the skills they need to become self-sufficient. Volunteering with local organizations like the Lakeview Community Church and Kent Recycling, and learning life skills like laundry and making their lunch, Doug and other AIM participants are making strides they never thought possible.



The success of our first AIM group has opened the door for another. In January, we started a new group for women. Tanya Horton, Community Instructor for the group, designs activities with the ladies based on what they enjoy and what skills they need to develop. They have made Valentine's Day crafts, acquired their own library cards, and are taking a weekly computer class at the Microsoft store in Danbury with the men from our first AIM group (pictured left). "The girls tell me over and over every day how happy they are to be here," Tanya remarked. "They really enjoy going out and being part of the community".

Our AIM program provides an option for individuals who have participated in a traditional, static day program or have not had any opportunities for growth since they finished high school. We are proud to be a part of the progress that Doug, Mike, Stephen, Roxanne, Victoria, Gillian and all our other program participants have made.



**We've moved! CAREERS Valhalla office has relocated right across the street to  
400 Columbus Avenue, Second Floor, Suite 123 South.**

You can still reach us at (914) 741-8500 or at [CAREERSforPeople@aol.com](mailto:CAREERSforPeople@aol.com).

Don't forget to check out our website and new video at: [www.CAREERSSupportSolutions.org](http://www.CAREERSSupportSolutions.org).



# CAREERS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Dede Brown (above left) of PURE Insurance with CAREERS client Robert Carroll and his Employment Specialist Karen Holubis.



**Karen Brown**, CAREERS Board President (below left) and client Eileen Morra.



CAREERS client James Marinelli, Board Vice President Ginny Fitzgerald and David Arnoff (right) from Bilotta Kitchen and Home.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS



**Employee of the Year** – Vincent Migliaccio (second from right), and Stop & Shop Managers Anthony Anzano and Stephen Nielsen with Vinnie’s Employment Specialist Allison Scorca.



**Supervisor of the Year** – Norm Fintz from The Kensington with NY State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins.



**Outstanding Program Support** – Linda Schramm, ACCES-VR (right) with CAREERS Valhalla Program Coordinator Jen Retacco and client Ben Rodell.



**Outstanding Professional Advocate** – CAREERS client Stephen Booth congratulates Carl Jaffe, Pro Bono Partnership volunteer lawyer.



**Investing In Futures** – Gus and Karen Pourakis (far left and right), owners of George’s Place in Carmel, with former intern Brian Callahan and CAREERS Serena Shea.



**Outstanding Parental Support** – Catherine Culhane (left), pictured with her daughter Ellen and son Tom Culhane (our Retirement Honoree) and Tom’s Employment Specialist Rebecca Appleyard.



**Personal Achievement Awardee** – Joe Dolan with his Employment Specialist Lynn Newman.



*Other Award Recipients not pictured include:*  
**Employer of the Year – Applebee’s Brewster**  
**Outstanding Advocate – Janet Marlow**  
**Personal Achievement Awardees – Doug Cuzzi and Nicole Flynn**

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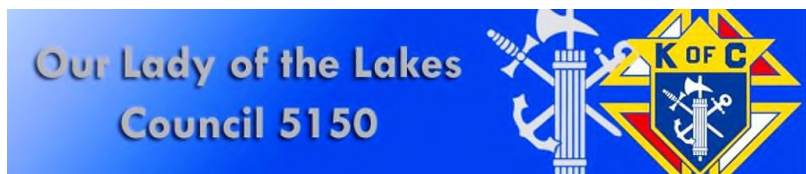
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Our Corporate and Foundation supporters help CAREERS provide job training and placement services to people who want to work, always at no cost to our clients, families and employers. **Special thanks and CONGRATULATIONS** to the organizations who received an Award of Appreciation at our Anniversary event, including: Carmel Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary, Costco, Entergy, People's United Community Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, The Standard, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, H.O.P.E. For Youth Foundation and Wells Fargo.



CAREERS client Tom Adimari thanks United Way's Mary Ann Luna for support of our "Teach Me to Fish" Job Skills for Life Initiative.

Anthony Falco and Mike Bock from Carmel's Knights of Columbus receive an award from CAREERS client Jessica Ekback, who was a guest speaker at a Knights event benefiting CAREERS.

