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## **Hannaford Charitable Foundation announces \$5,000 donation to CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc.**

**VALHALLA, New York, September 1** - The Hannaford Charitable Foundation today announced a \$5,000 donation to CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. to support their School-to-Work Transition Program, which aids high school students with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment.

The donation will support ongoing efforts and expansion of the program, which bridges the gap between traditional education and entry into the workforce for junior and senior high school students with learning, developmental, psychiatric and/or physical disabilities.

Hannaford's support of CAREERS clients began in 2007 by providing internships to students at its stores in Putnam County. In 2014, the Carmel store was named CAREERS Employer of the Year for its accommodating and enthusiastic support of the non-profit organization's clients.

"All of us at Hannaford are proud supporters of the School-to-Work Transition Program, which has helped so many students become self-sufficient, valuable members of the community's workforce," said Hannaford Supermarkets Regional Community Relations Specialist Brian Fabre. "We hope this donation will assist CAREERS in its efforts to provide more students with productive and sustainable career opportunities."

The School-to-Work program helps students from Westchester and Putnam Counties move from school to meaningful employment, while easing the problem of chronic unemployment so prevalent among young people with disabilities. The donation will help CAREERS increase the number of students served by expanding their program to more schools in Putnam County school districts.

"Hannaford in Carmel has been a wonderful supporter of CAREERS since the store opened, by providing jobs and internships for our program participants," said CAREERS Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria. "Financial support from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation is an important endorsement because they know better than anyone how vital our program is to young people with disabilities who need our assistance to find and keep a job in the community."

Since 1987, CAREERS has made over 2,400 job placements and provided support services to over 6,300 people with disabilities throughout Westchester and Putnam Counties. All programs offered through CAREERS are provided at no cost to their

clients or employers. For more information about CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc., visit [www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org](http://www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org).

### **About Hannaford Supermarkets**

Hannaford Supermarkets, based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 183 stores in the Northeast. Stores are located in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. All Hannaford stores feature Guiding Stars, America's first storewide nutrition navigation system and most stores have full-service pharmacies. Additional information can be found at [www.hannaford.com](http://www.hannaford.com).

### **About CAREERS for People with Disabilities**

Since 1987, CAREERS has made over 2,400 job placements and provided support services to over 6,300 people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties. So far in 2015, they have placed over 65 individuals in new jobs and 12 in internships. For information on CAREERS' programs for individuals with disabilities, or if you are an employer in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at (845) 225-8007. For more information, please visit [www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org](http://www.careersforpeoplewithdisabilities.org), or friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CAREERSforPeople>.

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Photo Caption: The Hannaford Foundation recently awarded CAREERS for People with Disabilities a \$5,000 grant for their School-to-Work Transition Program. Matthew Cosh, Hannaford Carmel Store Manager and Brian Fabre, Hannaford Community Relations Specialist made the presentation to Jessica Ekback, Hannaford Customer Service Associate and CAREERS client and her Job Coach Serena Shea, Careers Transition and Work-Based Learning Coordinator.