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CAREERS Support Solutions Celebrates 33 Years of Providing Jobs for People with Disabilities

*Honoring Employees' Perseverance and Dedication
Takes on Added Significance Due to Health Crisis*

Valhalla, New York, November 12th, 2020 – CAREERS Support Solutions celebrated 33 years of helping people with disabilities achieve the dignity, financial independence and sense of community they deserve through having jobs they enjoy during a virtual celebration on Tuesday, November 10th.

The annual event honored people who have shown excellence in a variety of areas throughout the year. The awards this year held extra meaning due to COVID-19, as many CAREERS' clients work in essential businesses and have been working since the beginning of the healthcare crisis. Their ability to go to work every day and perform well, maintain a positive attitude, manage stress and stay healthy during this unprecedented time takes uncommon commitment and hard work. Among the key honors given were Employee of the Year, Employer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Most Improved and Outstanding Co-worker Awards. (full list of awards attached).

For the 16th consecutive year, **PepsiCo EnAble** was the Premier Sponsor of the event and first-time Supreme Sponsor was **CVS Health**. **Curry Automotive** and **Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano** were Major Sponsors.

Contributing Sponsors include: **Contemporary Care, Croonquist Group, Hart Vida & Partners, James Quinn Painting, Karen Brown, Kitson Law Firm, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, ShopRite Supermarkets, and Unitex Textile Rental Services.**

Awards of Appreciation were given to CAREERS' corporate and foundation supporters, including, **CVS Health, HOPE for Youth Foundation, PCSB Community Foundation, People's United Community Foundation, and the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.**

"Always a highlight of the year, our Anniversary Celebration provides the opportunity to recognize our hard working clients with disabilities, sponsors, generous supporters and caring employers," CAREERS Executive Director **Tina Cornish-Lauria** said. "We may not be celebrating in the same

room, but we are indeed together. We have persevered and now have well over 100 clients back at work. I'm truly proud of our staff and clients and look forward to a better 2021," she added.

CAREERS client **Cindi Palermo** was named **Employee of the Year** for 17 years of great work at **Target** in **White Plains** and her exemplary commitment throughout the pandemic. The **Most Improved Award** went to **Cynthia Anderson** for successfully overcoming personal and professional challenges at her job at **Stop & Shop** in **Port Chester**. **T.J.Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods** received **Employer of the Year** for giving superior guidance and oversight to CAREERS interns and employees and, in an inspirational show of support, for providing some compensation during the shutdown. For their compassion, on-the-job assistance and kindness, **Gloria Howard** of **Green's Natural Foods** in **Mt. Kisco** and **Fabiana Ramos** of **Marshalls** in **Brewster** received **Outstanding Co-Worker Awards**.

About CAREERS Support Solutions, Inc.

CAREERS' mission is to ensure that individuals with disabilities achieve the dignity, financial independence and sense of community they deserve through sustained, meaningful employment. Since 1987, CAREERS has secured over 2,700 job placements and provided support services to thousands of people with disabilities in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties.

For more information on CAREERS programs for individuals with disabilities 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.CAREERSSupportSolutions.org, or friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CAREERSSupportSolutions> .

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2020 CAREERS Support Solutions 33rd Anniversary Celebration

Awards and Recipients

Employee of the Year	Cindi Palermo , Target, White Plains
Employer of the Year	T.J.Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods (various locations)
Supervisor of the Year	Sean Higgins , Brewster Plastics
Personal Achievement Awards	Giavanna Cilento , Over the Rainbow Child Care Philip Ferris , Brewster Plastics Anthony Gammarati , Stop & Shop, Mt. Kisco Mariah Scarnati , Marshalls, Mohegan Lake
Most Improved	Cynthia Anderson , Stop & Shop, Port Chester
Internship Excellence Award	Jacob Diaz , S & H Uniform, White Plains
Outstanding Parental Support Award	Tricia DeAngelis , Carmel
Outstanding Program Support Award	Imani Brereton-Drakes , ARC Mid-Hudson
Outstanding Co-worker Awards	Gloria Howard , Green's Natural Foods, Mt. Kisco Fabiana Ramos , Marshalls, Brewster
Outstanding Advocate Award	Sharon Green , Stop & Shop, Port Chester
Retirement Honoree	Vincent Migliaccio , Harrison
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