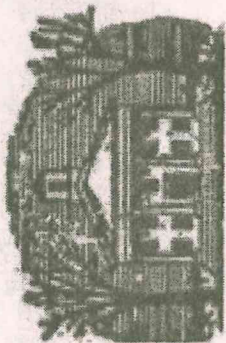


The Times is Everything Putnam

TIMES

The Putnam County



FREE

PRST STD
ECRWS
US POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local Postal Customer

PUTNAM COUNTY'S LOCAL NEWSPAPER

This paper publishes official notices for Putnam County, Kent, Southeast, Brewster, Patterson

VOL. 163 NO. 48

P.O. BOX 608, MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541

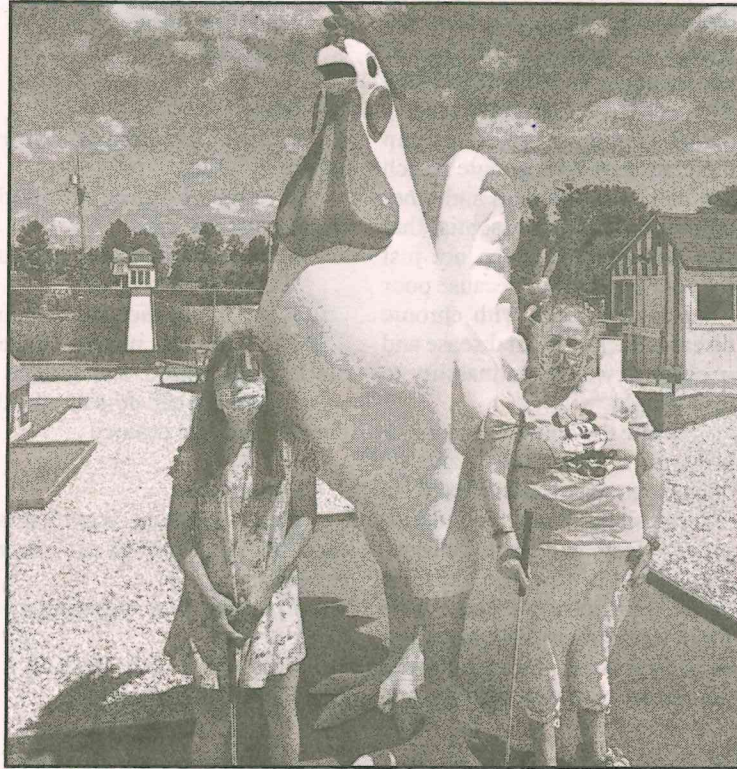
845-628-8400

PUTNAMPRESS@AOL.COM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

CAREERS Support Solutions Celebrates 34 Years

Agency Helps People with Disabilities Find Work



Victoria F. and Jennifer D. made the most of an October day in CAREERS Support Solutions' Ambition In Motion program by playing some mini-golf at Red Rooster in Brewster.

Since 1987, it has secured more than 2,700 job placements and provided support services to thousands of people with disabilities in Putnam, Westchester and Dutchess counties.

For more information, visit www.CAREERSSupportSolutions.org.

CAREERS Support Solutions celebrated 34 years of helping people with disabilities achieve dignity and financial independence during a virtual celebration Nov. 17. The annual event honored clients, employers, staff and supporters for their dedication during a challenging time of economic uncertainty.

Among the honorees were Ahmed Gonzales, who works at CVS in Mahopac and was presented with a Personal Achievement Award; Denise Voelker of Carmel, who was presented with an Outstanding Parental Support Award; and Ricky Forbes of CVS in Mahopac, who was presented with an Outstanding Program Support Award.

CAREERS staff pivoted to provide services in-person and on Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling CAREERS to continue to provide workplace support programs for high school stu-

dents, and adults with disabilities. Not only did CAREERS continue all existing programs, it also began a new project to help seniors (with and without disabilities) find and keep good jobs.

"Our annual anniversary celebration is our favorite night of the year as we honor nearly 200 of our clients for their work successes," said CAREERS Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria. "CAREERS remained open during the entire pandemic as we helped 73 essential employees stay safely on the job while keeping all of our staff employed. We assisted hundreds of others through the changed landscape of employment to prepare them for new opportunities."

CAREERS' mission is to ensure that individuals with disabilities achieve the dignity, financial independence and sense of community they deserve through sustained, meaningful employment.