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Nary LoPuzzo Honored by Westchester County

October 6, 2023, Valhalla, NY – CAREERS Support Solutions’ client Nary LoPuzzo received the Longevity Award at today’s Westchester County National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) ceremony. CAREERS is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide the skills and support people with disabilities need to become gainfully employed. Nary has been a valued ShopRite employee for 21 years. CAREERS’ unique mix of workforce skills training and job coaching has enabled Nary, and hundreds of others like her, to become successfully employed and truly be part of their communities.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer congratulated Nary and the other award winners, and noted that gainful employment helps anyone, not just people with disabilities, have a sense of dignity and self-worth. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month when the contributions of workers with disabilities are recognized.

Tina Cornish-Lauria, Executive Director of CAREERS, said that “the NDEAM Awards are a significant way to focus attention on the accomplishments of people with disabilities and the employers who provide a diverse workplace. People with disabilities are the nation’s largest minority group. We are so proud of Nary and our other clients who bring their best to work every day and demonstrate what people with disabilities can accomplish.”

“We are so proud of Nary’s accomplishments. She worked hard to develop her customer service skills and advocate for herself to get the position she wanted,” said Rebecca Appleyard, CAREERS Carmel Program Coordinator. “We are also grateful to ShopRite and other employers who see the value of hiring people with disabilities.”

Also honored today were nine other CAREERS clients: Eileen Morra, a fitting room attendant at T.J. Maxx; Jack Silverstein, a maintenance associate at Costco; Legend Greene, a data analyst at Market Cast; Marcey Pietarinen, an associate at Forever 21 and Stop & Shop; Matthew Diaz, a cart retriever at ShopRite; Michael George, a store merchandiser at Stop & Shop; Ronny Ortega, a maintenance worker at ShopRite; Roxanne Williams, a receptionist at

the New York State Office of Professional Discipline; and Stephen Barker, a stock associate at BJ's.

Also honored were CAREERS employers Market Cast, Forever 21 in White Plains; the New York State Office of Professional Discipline in Port Chester; ShopRite in Croton and Thornwood; and Stop & Shop in Eastchester.

CAREERS Support Solutions provides support services to hundreds of individuals annually throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess Counties. CAREERS mission is to empower people with disabilities by teaching workforce readiness skills and providing job placement, on-the-job training, and ongoing support to assure long-term success – at no cost to the individual or employer. For more information visit www.careersupportsolutions.org



CAREERS client Nary LoPuzzo received the 2023 Longevity Award at the Westchester County ceremony marking National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

