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CAREERS Support Solutions Celebrates 37 Years of Helping People with Disabilities Find, and Keep, Jobs they Love

*CAREERS Anniversary Celebration Highlights the Accomplishments of Clients and Staff
While Thanking Generous Community Supporters*

Valhalla, New York, November 1, 2024 – CAREERS Support Solutions celebrated 37 years of helping people with disabilities become an integral part of their community by finding and keeping meaningful jobs. Their annual celebration on Thursday, October 24th was attended by more than 150 clients, staff, sponsors and supporters.

CAREERS incredible journey began in 1987 when a group of parents formed a not-for-profit to help their adult children with disabilities find and maintain employment. Over the years, their supported jobs program grew to include adults with varying levels of disabilities, high-school students and senior citizens. In addition to honoring dedicated staff, awards were given for Employee of the Year, Employer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year and others. (full list of awards is attached).

“Watching clients and their families share this experience means everything to me because I believe that all people should experience the joys that come from meaningful work” **Tina Cornish-Lauria Executive Director of CAREERS**. “Listening to parents talk about the positive changes having a job has given their adult children is what our missions is all about”.

PepsiCo EnAble was the Premier Sponsor of the event for the 20th consecutive year and **KTS Pooled Trust** returned as **Supreme Sponsor**. **Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano** returned as the Major Sponsor and **Curry Automotive** returned as a Supporting Sponsor.

Contributing Sponsors include: **LEXCO Wealth Management, Croonquist Group, Hart Vida & Partners, James Quinn Painting, Karen Brown, Kitson Law Firm, New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, ShopRite Supermarkets, Zenbusiness, Adobe Acrobat and The Morris Family**.

New York State Senator Pete Harckham, an advocate for people with disabilities who works to ensure inclusivity in the workplace, in schools, and elsewhere was in attendance.

CAREERS client **Scott Treco, Mt. Vernon** was named **Employee of the Year** for his dedication and positive attitude at **Stop & Shop in New Rochelle**. **Nick Delury** of **Westchester Boxing Club** in **White Plains** received **The Outstanding Internship Employer Award** for going above and beyond when educating interns on how to run a business. **Kate Warren, Mt. Kisco** was awarded the **Shining Star Award** for her work at **Homegoods in Mt. Kisco** and **Armonk** based **MagellanTV** received an **Outstanding Program Support Award** for their dedication to fostering a positive work environment.

About CAREERS Support Solutions, Inc.

CAREERS' works to ensure that individuals with disabilities achieve the dignity, financial independence and sense of community they deserve through sustained, meaningful employment. Since 1987, CAREERS teaches workforce readiness skills and provides job placement, on-the-job training and ongoing support to people with disabilities throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower 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> .



CAREERS client **Kate Warren** of Mt. Kisco (third from left), winner of the evenings Service with a Smile Award, with her parents and Transition & Work-Based Learning Coordinator **Kelly Corvino**



Featured (left to right) CAREERS Employment Specialist **Violet Nikac**, CAREERS Client **Marissa Raysor** and **Nick Delury** of Westchester Boxing Club in White Plains, winner of The Outstanding Internship Employer Award



(Pictured left to right) **Chelsea Lauzun**, of MagellanTV (located in Armonk) Senior VP of Operations & Human Resources Director, CAREERS Employment Specialist **Kelly Corvino**, CAREERS Client **Andrew Spears** and **Gabe Solomon**, Senior Editor, MagellanTV. MagellanTV received an Outstanding Program Support Award while Andrew Spears, a MagellanTV employee, received a Rock Star Award.

Scott Treco of Mt. Vernon, with his family at CAREERS Anniversary Celebration. Scott was named CAREERS Employee of the Year - one of the evening's most prestigious awards.



2024 CAREERS Support Solutions 37th Anniversary Celebration

Awards and Recipients

Employee of the Year	Scott Treco, Stop & Shop, New Rochelle
Employer of the Year	Kobacker's of Brewster
Supervisor of the Year	Kathryn LaCombe, Second Chance Foods, Brewster
Personal Achievement Awards	Alex Barton Faith Lunde Anthony Silvagni
Rock Star Awards	Joshua Davies, Dia Art Foundation, Beacon Matt Elliott, Afya Foundation, Yonkers Andrew Spears, MagellanTV, Armonk
Shining Star Award	Kate Warren, Homegoods, Mt. Kisco
Service with a Smile Award	Tobi Akbas, Tops Friendly Market, Carmel
Outstanding School Support Award	Tess McFadden, Valhalla School District
Outstanding Program Support Awards	MagellanTV, Armonk ACCES-VR
Outstanding Internship Employers	The Toy Box, Mamaroneck Westchester Boxing Club, White Plains
Outstanding Volunteer Awards	CAREERS Thrift Shop volunteers
MVP Award 25 Years	Chris Hoch, Greens Natural Market
MVP Award 10 Years	Stephen Booth, Kobacker's
Most Improved Award	William Seide, Stop & Shop, Larchmont
Retirement Honoree	Scott Meyerson