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Liberty Employees Honored

Amsterdam- Liberty ARC recently honored 90 employees that have reached employment milestones within the agency. Recognition service awards were given for those who achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35-years of service; an impressive 1,165 cumulative years of employment with Liberty ARC. The special guests were treated to an awards dinner hosted by Liberty ARC's Board of Directors, held at the Raindancer Restaurant in Amsterdam.

Recognized for a notable 35-year commitment was Deborah Barker, who currently works under the role of Accounting Clerk 1. Deborah takes a lot of pride in her work and is always willing to learn something new. She often collaborates with the Sales and Marketing to ensure the success of both departments.

Thirty years recognition was given to Nanette Conyne; Vivian Fitz-James; Donna Hall; Shari Lynn Herting; Donna Mochrie; Robert Reese; Donna Sanders; Fay VanSchaick; Roxanne Vecchio and Tina Yerdon.

Nanette Conyne – Payroll Supervisor; Nanette is always focused on making sure staff are paid on time and that they are correctly paid for the hours they worked. She will stay late on Wednesday evenings to make sure that everything transmits properly so direct deposits are in the bank on time.

Vivian Fitz-James – Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant; Vivian always puts the people Liberty ARC supports first. She advocates for individuals in all areas and needs; she consistently ensures treatments occur, including make-up appointments for missed clinics. She helps with coverage needs and aids in running a C4E group.

Donna Hall – Assistant Manager; Donna works as an assistant manager in our supportive settings. She has worked with many individuals and touched many lives; her heart and soul go into the work she completes and you can see this through her devotion and performance.

Shari Lynn Herting – Assistant Manager; Shari is known for her hands on approach as an assistant manager. She isn't afraid to jump in where she's needed, and goes above and beyond to make sure that individuals' needs are always met. Shari has shown that she is not only capable of providing outstanding care, but she's also capable of coaching others to do the same.

Donna Mochrie – Accounting Clerk II; Donna wears two hats in the Business Office; one as a payroll clerk and the other as an accounts payable clerk. She also does keying for Liberty’s transportation and billing departments. Donna is the go-to person when the agency needs something in a hurry.

Robert Reese – Direct Support Professional; Robert has become friends with all of the individuals he supports, as well as the families of the individuals he supports. He does anything he can to make every day enjoyable for the individuals he supports, whether it’s taking them out or showing them how to cook.

Donna Sanders – Direct Support Awake Night; Donna’s role is to ensure the awake night shift runs smoothly and efficiently, which she does very well. She is extremely competent in knowing what needs to be done and ensures that it is accomplished. Donna is diligent in making sure that people she supports are receiving the best quality of care not only during the night but also during the day hours. She is also very proficient in med policy and med passing and ensures communication with the pharmacy.

Fay VanSchaick – Direct Support Awake Night; Fay is always encouraging individuals to do their best and because of that they respect her. Everyone pitches in to help her out without needing to be asked and she is the go-to person when it comes to questions.

Roxanne Vecchio – Residential Manager; Roxanne has been involved with the supportive apartments for 12 years and just over a year ago she became the manager of two supportive apartments, as well as the manager of Liberty’s Family Care program. Roxanne has also helped out in staff training for the last 20 years and she was instrumental in opening the Habitat for Humanity home this past year.

Tina Yerdon – Direct Support Professional; Tina is a very kind-hearted person who cares a lot about the individuals she supports. She works very hard every day and always ensures everything is done, even when she isn’t assigned to the task. She’s a true team player and will never complain about anything she is asked about or assigned to.

Other acknowledgements of the evening:

Twenty-five years recognition was given to Linda Damphier, Direct Support Professional; Jennifer Ferluge, Speech Language Pathologist; Sharon Oleksak, Assistant Habilitation Specialist 1; Tyler Kanches, Direct Support Awake Night; Suzanne Schulz, Assistant Manager; Lisa Zanella, Senior Staff Accountant.

Twenty years recognition was given to Charlotte Baird, Assistant Manager Live-In; Charlene DiCaprio, Dental Assistant; Bonnie King, Direct Support Awake Night; Sandra Bell, Lead Skilled Machine Operator; John Glode, Director of Operations; Nancy Guyette, Residential Manager; Pauline Kretser, PC Technician; Sandra Mallett, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Sabrina Spratt, Direct Support Professional; Jennifer Osborne, Dental Hygienist; Cheryl Wagner, Direct Support Professional for Family Support Services.

Fifteen years recognition was given to Karen Blake, Corporate Compliance Audit Coordinator; Donna Doran, Direct Support Professional; Ryann Jump, Assistant Manager II, Robert Scofield, Direct Support Professional; Gary Stanton, Direct Support Professional; Eileen Vanetin, Direct Support Awake Night; Carrie Winney, Direct Support Awake Night.

Recognition for ten years of service went to Debra Ampol, Direct Support Professional at Family Support Services; Jodi Brown, Assistant Habilitation Specialist I; Gladys Buchanan, Senior Staff Accountant; Tina Sturm, Assistant Habilitation Specialist I; Mary Hillbourne, Assistant Manager Live-In; Deborah Krill, Speech Language Pathologist; Tina Lawyer, Direct Support Professional; April Marcellino, Residential Registered Nurse; Kelly Nasadoski, Direct Support Awake Night; Joseph Ouderkirk, Maintenance Manager; Diana Pendleton, Assistant Manager II; Jacqueline Rulison, Assistant Habilitation Specialist I; Janet Sargalis-Zilka, Accounting Clerk I; Laura Wilcox, Direct Support Professional; Leanne Sheckton, Assistant Manager Trainer; Ashley Wilson, Assistant Manager II.

An additional 39 employees were acknowledged for five years of employment: Jonathan Arce; Amber Best; Stacie Birch; Rebekah Califano; Tory Carpe; Jamie Charboneau; Ashley Davey; Jennifer Fox; Jolene Gray; Shauna Hall; Jessica Hayes; Amanda Horning; Kari Hughes; Linda Jacobs; Samantha Johnson; Scott Klug; Sarah Kruger; Kevin Lasher; Brittany Lindquist; Crystal Loucks; Eleisha Mahoney; Jessica Marotta; Megan Minch; Kara Mosenthin; David Nichols; Timothy O'Brien; Tanisha Ortiz; Susan Quinn; Amanda Rivera; Paula Shirvanion; Jamie Siwik; Melissa Somerville; Wendy Suchy; Briana Trombly; Jovan Valentine; Karissa VanHoesen; Marianne Vendetti; Michael Whelly, Susan Wojturski-Hazzard.

About Liberty ARC

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The ARC New York, was founded in 1957 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wished to establish special education programs in the local community. Currently celebrating 60 years of quality services, the organization has grown to include vocational, recreational, residential, day, family support and health-related services to nearly 580 individuals with physical, developmental and other disabilities.

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