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Liberty Employees Honored

Amsterdam- Recently, Liberty ARC honored 106 employees that have reached employment milestones with the agency. Recognition service awards were given for those who achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35-years of service; an impressive 1,445 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 to the agency are the following employees:

Karen Fredericks- As a Physical Therapy Assistant Karen is a dedicated and reliable team member who staunchly advocates for the individuals she supports. Karen focuses on each person and has created programs specifically geared towards individual needs.

JoAnn Fuller- Throughout her 35 years with the agency JoAnn has successfully fulfilled various tasks such as Residential Manager, her longest tenure, but now plays a pivotal role in mentoring new managers. She is a proven leader; eager to pass on her years of experience.

Janice Sheckton- For 32 of her 35 years Janice has been an integral part of the staff training department; functioning as a classroom trainer and creating numerous curricula. Janice, now a Staff Training Specialist, is well-known for her astute attention to detail as well as her broad expertise on Liberty ARC's training program.

"Liberty ARC is extremely proud of all of our milestone employees. Their dedication to the agency not only shows in the amount of years they've been here but is also reflective in the positive and generous words from fellow co-workers," said Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders. "This is one of my favorite nights of the year; celebrating our staff who make Liberty ARC such a special place to work. Congratulations to our milestone year employees."

Other acknowledgements of the evening:

Thirty years recognition was given to Tammy Honeywell, Residential Manager; Deborah Kowalczyk, Cost Accountant; Joseph Quigley, Cook/Housekeeper; Barb Renda, Administrative Secretary; and Sandra Tomlinson, Assistant Manager.

Twenty-five years recognition was given to Margaret Archer, Direct Support Professional; Kimberly Cesare, Assistant Manager; Cynthia Fredericks, Assistant Habilitation Specialist 2; Donna Howland, Direct Support Professional; Mary Ann Metz, Accounting Clerk 2; Cathy Monk, Residential Manager; MaryLou Nicolella, Assistant Habilitation Specialist 2;

Jennifer Payst, Assistant Manager; Penny Pollock, Scheduling Clerk; Ann Riley, Direct Support Professional; Susan Rinehart, Direct Support Professional; Jane Ryle, Direct Support Professional; Patricia Valentin, Residential Manager; and Cynthia Yacobucci, Direct Support Professional.

Twenty years recognition was given to James Burroughs, Assistant Director of Facilities Management; Andrew Carpenter, Lead Maintenance Mechanic; Paula Hawkins, Dental Hygienist; Lewis Klim, Lead Maintenance Mechanic; Sheree Kretser, Facilities Assistant; Ewa Schneider, Direct Support Professional; William Sikora, Director of Independent Operations; Cindy Steenburg, Assistant Manager; and Sherri Wolfe, Dental Hygienist.

Fifteen years recognition was given to Stephanie Ackerknecht, Direct Support Professional; Jessica Anastasio, Assistant Manager; Michael DelSanto, Assistant Habilitation Specialist 1; Theresa DeSorbo, Receptionist; Michelle Eplite, Direct Support Professional; Lillian Johnson, Direct Support Professional; Loretta LaPorta, Residential Manager; Diana Mack, Human Resources Manager; Megan Martino, Supervising Behaviorist; Melissa Michalski, Direct Support Professional; Susan Niles, Medical Coder/Biller; Maria Pantschyschak, Hispanic Outreach; Nick Pawling, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; JoAnn Piurek, Administrative Secretary; Michele Rogers, Medicaid Service Coordinator; Jill Sova, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Rebecca Townsend, Residential Manager; Lucille Wells, Direct Support Professional; and Catherine Williams-Mowery, Regional Director.

Recognition for ten years of service went to Doug Blanc, Assistant Director of Medicaid Service Coordination; Georgianna Buffo, Medicaid Service Coordinator; Lisa Butterfield, Direct Support Professional; Rhina Damasco, Employment Training Specialist; Robin Davis, Direct Support Professional; Jenny Hart, Assistant Manager; Aletha Herring, Assistant Manager; James McGowan, Direct Support Professional; Samantha Morris, Assistant Manager; Jennifer Mosher, Direct Support Professional; Jennifer Newhook, Quality Assurance Coordinator; Amanda Puente, Direct Support Professional; Linda Rosen, Direct Support Professional; Tammy Rouse, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Geishanette Santos, Assistant Manager; Traci Sarabia, Supervising Physical Therapist; Barbara Sweet, Assistant Manager; Kasey Wadsworth, Residential Manager; and Christin Zabo, Assistant Habilitation Specialist.

An additional 37 employees were acknowledged for five years of employment: Kimberlee Ackerknecht, Natasha Aleman, Ashley Ambrosino, Samantha Boiano, Danielle Bottisti, JoAnn Brownell, Michael Calderwood, Nadeen Chase, Sarah Christman, LeeAnn Deuel, Ana Dominguez, Tyler Duffy, Gina Emden, Cynthia Fancher, Jacquelyn Figueroa, John-Paul Friday, Caribeth Galarneau, Matthew Guiffre, Joseph Gugliemelli, Charles Hanson, Sharon Holbrook-Ryan, Dawn Jacksland, Ralph Javarone, Leanne Keller-Hansen, Kelly LaFoe, Melissa Lais, Kristin Miller, Benjamin Morey, Elaine Nalli, Amanda Nowakowski, Ashley Palmateer, Marina Quatrini, Kristy Rose, Zachariah Sahler, David Silva, Danielle Stone and Daniel Svenson.

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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