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Liberty ARC Honors Employee Milestone Achievements

Staff Recognized for Years of Commitment to the Agency & the People We Support

Amsterdam – Liberty ARC recently honored 101 employees that have reached employment milestones within the agency recently, and honorees were treated to an awards dinner at the Raindancer Restaurant in Amsterdam. Recognition service awards were given to those who achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40-years of service – with the group in 2022 totaling up an impressive 1,295 cumulative years of employment with Liberty ARC!

“Liberty ARC is extremely proud of all of our milestone employees, and appreciate their years of commitment to the agency and the people we support,” Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders said. “Each and everyone’s anniversary speaks volumes to the kindness, compassion, and dedication of our employees. This special awards dinner is one of my favorite nights of the year – celebrating the heart and soul of Liberty ARC, our staff. Congratulations to our milestone year employees.”

Staff Training Specialist Janice Sheckton and JoAnn Fuller, the agency’s Training Manager were recognized for a 40-year commitment.

Janice began her career with Liberty ARC providing supports in the workshop and later to those in residential, before making her final move to the Staff Training Department. Her knowledge and many years of experience have had a positive impact on all the staff she trains. JoAnn spent the majority of her years at Liberty ARC as a Residential Manager. Six years ago, she accepted the Training Manager position, where she trains new managers for the agency on all policies, procedures, culture, and values at Liberty ARC.

Tammy Honeywell and Deborah Kowalczyk received 35-year recognitions.

Tammy is a Senior Habilitation Coordinator at Liberty ARC. She started her career as a Direct Support Professional within Residential. In 2000, Tammy was promoted to Residential Manager, and recently made the move to working in her current role within the agency’s Day Habilitation programs. Deborah

has served as the Cost Analyst for Liberty ARC's Business Office for 35 years, working with the Operations Department and the manufacturing division on budgets, cost of goods sold reporting, and financial statement analysis.

Other acknowledgements of the evening:

Thirty years of recognition was given to Margaret Archer, Assistant Manager; Kimberly Cesare, Direct Support Sleep In; Cynthia Fredericks, Assistant Hab Specialist 2; Cathy Monk, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Jennifer Payst, Assistant Manager; Cynthia Reid, Direct Support for Family Support Services; Susan Rinehart, Assistant Hab Specialist 2; Jane Ryle, Direct Support Sleep In; Cynthia Yacobucci, Assistant Manager.

Twenty-five years of recognition was given to James Burroughs, Assistant Director of Facilities Management; Andrew Carpenter, Lead Maintenance Mechanic; Paula Hawkins, Dental Hygienist; Sheree Kretser, Facilities Assistant; Ewa Schneider, Direct Support Awake Night; Cindy Steenburg, Assistant Manager Live In; Sherri Wolfe, Dental Hygienist.

Twenty years of recognition was given to Loretta LaPorta, Direct Support Professional; Catherine Mowrey, Director of Medical, Clinical, and Community Services; Diana Mack, Human Resources Manager; Melissa Michalski, Assistant Manager; Lillian Johnson, Direct Support Professional.

Fifteen years of recognition was given to Robin Davis, Direct Support Professional; Lisa Butterfield, Assistant Manager; Kasey Wadsworth, Direct Support Professional; James McGowan, Direct Support Professional; Linda Rosen, Direct Support Awake Night; Traci Sarabia, Supervising Physical Therapist; Barbara Sweet, Assistant Manager Live In; Christin Zabo, Assistant Hab Specialist 2.

Ten years of recognition was given to Ana Dominguez, Direct Support Awake Night; Gina Emden, Direct Support Professional; Cynthia Fancher, Direct Support Awake Night; John-Paul Friday, Sales Representative; Joseph Gravelle, Assistant Manager; Brenda Loveless, Direct Support Professional; Elaine Nalli, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Mariana Quatrini, Assistant Manager; Danielle Stone, Assistant Manager; Erica Sweet, Direct Support Professional; Jered Spraker, Assistant Manager.

An additional 44 employees were recognized for five years of employment: Jose Aponte; Dayton Blanc; Elizabeth Cardamone; Monique Cardona; Maria Carrion; Charles Cintula; Joseph Cleary; Quinn Combs; Michael Conte; Joshua Diaz; Virginia Ferguson; Erica Francisco; Linda Gutowski; Douglas Guy; Gilli Hachey; Amanda Harris; Heather Hazzard; Lester Hogabone; Brianna Hoover; Carrie Hurd; Harold Isabel; Robert Johnson; Amanda Kaczor; Joseph Kilgore; Tiffany Klingbeil; Bruce Krackow; Tracy Kuban; Breanna Lapi; Bruce Lear; Larry Liggero; Sarah MacHattie; Rachel Majewski; Uriah Plaskett; Amanda Pollock; Roberto Rivera; Karla Rumrill; Jenifer Russell; Lisa Sponaas; Charlie Sturm; Joseph Trombley; Crystal Vogel; Ryan Whitehouse; Patrick Whitman; Sherry Wilson.

About Liberty ARC

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- *Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values* - together with our *Values* make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.

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