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## **Liberty ARC Celebrates Employees Commitment To Agency, People Supported**

**Amsterdam** – Liberty ARC recognized 134 employees who achieved significant milestone anniversaries with the agency during their annual Employee Recognition Dinner in November.

During the dinner at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, honorees were recognized who achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45-years of service – with the group totaling an impressive 2,060 cumulative years of employment with Liberty ARC.

Doreen Perretta, a Quality Control Supervisor for Liberty ARC's Manufacturing Division, Liberty Enterprises, is celebrating her 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the agency. Doreen transitioned into her current position 15 years ago after serving as a Production and Enclave Supervisor. At work, Doreen is always on the go, testing soap samples, inspecting goods, and keeping essential paperwork flowing with precision and care.

Six employees were recognized for their 40 years of service to Liberty ARC, including Day Habilitation Direct Support Professional Nancy Botaitis, Employment Support Specialist Nancy Cole, Licensed Practical Nurse Debbie Doin, Director of Program Administration Sue Meiklejohn, Recruiter Elizabeth Ognibene, and Admissions Coordinator Deborah Wallin.

Nancy Botaitis is a dedicated staff, who after retiring from the agency decided to come back in a relief role, working in several of Liberty ARC's Day Habitation Programs.

During her 40-year career at Liberty ARC, Nancy Cole has worked in various positions including as a Direct Support Professional, a Residential Manager, and her current position as an Employment Support Specialist. Through every role, she has supported hundreds of individuals and their families.

Debbie's decades of service have made her a corner stone of Liberty ARC's Day Habilitation, bringing consistency, care, and stability to both the people supported and agency staff.

Sue began her career with the agency right out of college as a Direct Support Professional and quickly her compassion for the people she supported and her determination would define her career journey as she rose through the ranks.

Elizabeth also joined the agency right out of college and has contributed to various departments within the agency, including Day Habilitation, Residential, and Vocational Services. This combination of experience prepared her perfectly for her career as a Recruiter.

In her latest job as Liberty ARC's Admissions Coordinator, Deborah enjoys being able to help people find placement at the agency and being the point person for people supported and their families to find the right home for each individual.

Other acknowledgements of the evening:

Thirty-five years of recognition awards were given to Direct Support Professional Awake Night Charge Shirley Combs, Employment Support Specialist Dawn Santuccione, and Family Support Services Direct Support Professional Raechelle Valenti.

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Twenty-five years of recognition awards were given to Assistant Director of Employment Support Services Stacey Antos, Receptionist Cynthia Baker, Direct Support Professional Sleep In Ami Deay, Senior Employment Support Specialist Valerie Harrington, Licensed Practical Nurse Tauna Lucas, Family Support Services Manager Samantha Loucks, Payroll Coordinator Tracie Malinowski, Family Support Services Direct Support Professional Kelly Martelle, Assistant Manager Elizabeth Rosado, Recruiter Joseph Santos, Senior Speech Language Pathologist Laurel Skultety, and Day Habilitation Direct Support Professional Deitra Stockwell.

Twenty years of recognition awards were given to Anna Armer, Jennifer Bernardo, Maryann Brown, Meagan Collins, Kelly Frazier, Brenda Lapi, Karen Lawyer, Bernadette Masten, Bethany Nitsky, Deborah Oliver, Beth Perry, Jennifer Saunders, and Angelica Torres.

Fifteen years of recognition awards were given to Brenda Abbott, Ricky Beck, Kathryn Bramer, Jodi Brown, Elizabeth Carpenter, Erica Carpenter, Jill Coffin, Kathleen Davey, Connie Dingman, Anne Doney, Dwana Fielding, Stephen Hall Jr., Brittni Harding, Susan Jones, Sarah Laird, Beth Lippman, Christopher Malec, Stacy Parrino, Jessica Patrignani, Ada Peters, Beth Sansig, Gregory Stowell, and Whitney Townsel.

Ten years of recognition awards were given to Erika Amar, Deborah Bates, Stacie Birch, Kayla Caldarone, Caitlyn Cimbalo, Melissa Colon, Samantha Fetter, Marie Gilet, Amanda Gilston, Shequawna Glover, Lory Graff, Leila Green, James Guarneri, Tammy Hunter, Linda Jacobs, Tami Kane, Kaitlin Kretser, Kristina Montalvo, Cassandra Morrell, Timothy Newhart, Paz Pfeifer, Daniel Rhodes, Stacey Rhodes, Aida Roman, Angel Santiago, Keely Santiago, Remo Savona, April Scheels, Taylor Schuyler, Amy Snell, Kelly Stafford, Evita Valentine, Kelly Yager, and Ashley Walton.

Five years of recognition awards were given to Casey Brower, Winnie Buckley, Paul Chamberlain Jr, Breahna Colon, Aletha Davis, Nichole Decker, Robert Dence, Thomas Fifield, Caylee Fregin, Stephanie Garcia, Breanna Hazzard, Jeannie Horning, Marie Konetchy, Jamie Lais, Devine Masesie, Kelly May, John McCarthy, Kianna Mercado, Aaron Murray, Letha Rahim, Monica Reynicke, Alaina Sahler, Nichole Salls, Krystal Shear, David Sogunro-Pitan, Jennifer Stein, Takiya Thomas, Judy Tower, Erin Tuttle, David Valik, Angelia Williams, and Danielle Williams.

### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. 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.

### **About The Arc New York**

The Arc New York is the largest provider of supports and services for people intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York state. The 35 local Chapters of The Arc New York collectively support more than 60,000 people with disabilities and their families in every county of the state, and employ more than 30,000 people in the shared mission to provide people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities the ordinary and extraordinary opportunities of life. Founded by families more than 75 years ago, The Arc New York continues to be an influential advocate for the rights, opportunities, and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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