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Liberty Employees Honored



**At Liberty's Annual Recognition Dinner employees were honored for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-years of service. Pictured here are those employees representing 30-years.
Front row- (Left to Right) JoAnn Fuller, Wendy Merk, Karen Fredericks
Back Row- (Left to Right) Tammy Collins, Janice Sheckton, Lee McMurray. Missing-Joanne Lue**

Amsterdam- More than 160 Liberty employees and guests attended the annual recognition dinner honoring 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year tenured employees. The dinner, held on November 7th at the Raindancer Restaurant in Amsterdam, is a yearly event hosted by Liberty's Board of Directors.

The first recognitions of the evening went to 30-year employees Tammy Collins, Staff Training Specialist; Karen Fredericks, Physical Therapy Assistant; JoAnn Fuller, Residential Manager; Joanne Lue, Assistant Manager; Lee McMurray, Assistant Manager; Wendy Merk, Medicaid Service Coordinator and Janice Sheckton, Staff Training Specialist.

Twenty-five years recognition was given to Tammy Honeywell, Residential Manager; Thomas Jablonski, Workshop Supervisor; Gail Jordan, Assistant Manager; Deborah Kowalczyk, Cost Analyst; Sandy Maidment, Registered Nurse; Joseph Quigley, Direct Support Professional; Barbara Renda, Administrative Secretary and Sandra Tomlinson, Assistant Manager.

Twenty years recognition was given to Margaret Archer, Direct Support Professional; Debra Baxter, Direct Support Professional; Kimberly Cesare, Assistant Manager; Kathleen Francisco, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Cynthia Fredericks, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Kathryn French, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Donna Howland, Direct Support Professional; Mary Ann Metz, Accounting Clerk; Cathy Monk, Residential Manager; MaryLou Nicolella, Assistant

Habilitation Specialist; Michele Orapello, Staff Training Specialist; Jenifer Payst, Direct Support Professional; Penny Pollock, Scheduling Clerk; Ann Riley, Direct Support Professional; Susan Rinehart, Direct Support Professional; Jane Ryle, Direct Support Professional and Cynthia Yacobucci, Direct Support Professional.

Fifteen years recognition was given to James Burroughs, Assistant Director Facility Management; Andrew Carpenter, Lead Maintenance Mechanic; Gary Claburn, Material Handler; Eleanor Cooper, Cook/Housekeeper; Marie Gavry, Assistant Manager Supported Employment; Paula Hawkins, Dental Hygienist; Linda Jennings, Dental Assistant; Elizabeth Keller, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Lewis Klim, Lead Maintenance Mechanic; Sheree Krester, Administrative Secretary; Jennifer Osborne, Dental Hygienist; Angel Roman, Maintenance; Ewz Schneider, Direct Support Professional; William Sikora, Director Of Industrial Operations & Employment Services; Cindy Steenburg, Direct Support Professional and Sherri Wolfe, Dental Hygienist.

Recognition for ten years of service went to Stefanie Ackerknecht, Direct Support Professional; Jessica Anatasio, Direct Support Professional; Elizabeth Anthony, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Dustin Askew, Assistant Manager; Amanda Chubbuck, Assistant Manager; Michael DeSanto, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Theresa DeSorbo, Receptionist; Michelle Eplite, Cook/Housekeeper; Kimberly Hills, Medical/Dental Code Auditor; Lillian Johnson, Assistant Manager; Loretta LaPorta, Assistant Manager; Diana Mack, Human Resource Manager; Megan Martino, Behavior Specialist; Linda McIntyre, Accounting Clerk; Haidy Medina, Direct Support Professional; Gregory Melita, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Melissa Michalski, Direct Support Professional; Susan Niles, Clerk; Maria Pantschyschak, Hispanic Outreach; Nick Pawling, Assistant Manager; JoAnn Piurek, Administrative Secretary; Michele Rogers, Medicaid Service Coordinator; Annette Santana, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Cynthia Short, Assistant Manager; Jill Sova, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Sheila Stewart, Administrative Secretary; Rebecca Townsend, Assistant Manager; Ray Velasco, Direct Support Professional; Lucille Wells, Direct Support Professional and Catherine Williams-Mowery, Associate Director.

Founded in 1957 by local parents and family members of people with disabilities, Liberty is a not-for-profit, member chapter of NYSARC, Inc. a statewide organization serving over 60,000 individuals throughout New York. Liberty is the largest provider of services to people with developmental disabilities in Montgomery County, offering day, residential, vocational, family support and health-related programs to over 650 individuals with disabilities and other persons with special needs in the community.

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