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Liberty Honors Brown Coach

Amsterdam- Liberty honored Brown Coach with their top award at the agency's recent Annual Membership Dinner. Brown received the Community Partner award, which is given to a company or community organization that has shown outstanding support and commitment to people with disabilities in the organization's programs. For many years Brown Coach has been a supportive employer to several Liberty individuals.

Liberty also honored 20 individuals involved in the agency's Fort Plain 7 Main Street Day Habilitation Program with the Community Commitment award, citing their many contributions to the local community. Many of those hours focused on helping their Ft. Plain community recover from last year's devastating spring floods. The award recognizes individual and group dedication to volunteerism and making their community a better place.

Special recognition was given to Liberty individuals who have been with the agency for more than 35 years. Those recognized were; Eloise Fetterly, Lee Polinski, Melvin Smith, Richard Stankes and Richard Trzaskos for 35 years, Debra Cleveland for 37 years, Bruce Murphy, Ronald Pabis, and Theodore "Ted" Woods for 40 years and George Jagielski, MaryLou Richards and Pamela Sherman for 45 years.

Topping the list of long-term Board members honored was Robert Purtell who has been a member of the Liberty Board for 15 years. Other board members recognized were Patricia Beck and Wanda Burling for five years of service on the Liberty Foundation Board and Robert Quick for five years of service on the Choices for Community Living Board.

Sworn in as Board officers for the 2014-2015 term were; Ken Adamowski, president, Rev. Lisa VanderWal , vice-president; Michael Cinquanti, secretary; and Joel Kaplan, treasurer. The following directors were sworn in for the 2014-2016 term; Ken Adamowski, Carol Cuyler, Paul DiCaprio, Letah Graff, Carl Pucci, Kelly Swart, Psy.D., Rev. Lisa Vander Wal and newly appointed board member, Liberty individual, Calvin Jennings.

Other businesses and individuals nominated for the Community Partner award were; Gary Bottomly, Cable Care Construction, Fort Plain School District, Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County, Palatine McDonalds and Soroptimist of Fulton County.

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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