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Liberty Recognizes Community Partner and Community Commitment

AMSTERDAM - Liberty announced the recipients of the agency's 2015 Community Partner and Community Commitment awards at their Annual Dinner at Riverstone Manor on April 23. The organization recognized The Greater Amsterdam School District as this year's Community Partner. Liberty's Facilities Management staff volunteers received the organization's 2015 Community Commitment Award.

Liberty's Chief Executive Officer, Jennifer Saunders introduced the Community Partner award, explaining that the intent of the annual award is to recognize a company or community organization that has shown outstanding support and commitment to people with disabilities in the agency's programs. The Greater Amsterdam School District received the award because of their ongoing dedication and collaborative efforts with Liberty and their efforts in providing work-based experience and learning skills for students in the school district

"We truly value the 16 year partnership we've had with The Greater Amsterdam School District, as we've help provide real-world work experience to the student throughout the years," said Erin Abele, Liberty Vocational Director. "This past year, with new state requirements being instituted, the school district collaborated with Liberty's job assistance program, CEN, to ensure students in the program were equipped with the work skills and proper training needed for transition into the workplace."

Liberty also honored 11 individuals in the agency's facilities management department, citing their volunteer service in helping to build Montgomery County's first Habitat for Humanity home. Jim Burroughs, Jason Downing, Adam Fish, Chuck Hanson, Gary Hanson, Wayne Nellis, Joe Ouderkirk, Chris Porter, Tara Stanton, Mike Vooy and Dennis Yacobucci put in a combined amount of 400 hours of personal and vacation time in their efforts. Liberty's Community Commitment Award recognizes individual and a group's dedication to volunteerism and making their community a better place.

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