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Liberty Employees Honored

Amsterdam- More than 85 Liberty employees attended the annual recognition dinner honoring 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40-year tenured employees. The dinner, held on November 5th 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 35-year employees Lisa Augustine, PR Assistant; Doreen Perretta, Quality Technician and Rosemary Rajter, Family Support Services Scheduling Coordinator for their ongoing dedication to the agency.

Other acknowledgements of the evening:

Thirty-five years recognition was given to Josephine Blalock, Administrative Secretary; Bill Pulver, Assistant Controller; Nancy Botatis, Direct Support Professional; Deborah Wallin, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Steve Mack, Supervising Mechanic and Nancy Johnson, Direct Support Professional.

Twenty-five years recognition was given to Shirley Combs, Direct Support Professional; Patti Smith, Dental Assistant; Robin Moller, Director of Medial/Clinical Services; Michael LaCoppola, Employment Training Specialist; Justina VanDyke, Direct Support Professional; Beth Francisco, Executive Assistant; Anita Greenhill, Direct Support Professional; Marion Overbaugh, Assistant Manager; Janet Czeski, Supervising RN; Cindy Reid, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Dawn Santucciono, Assistant Manager; Raechelle Valenti, Direct Support Professional and Dixie Suits, Assistant Manager.

Twenty years recognition was given to Michelle Hocking, Direct Support Professional; Renee Martin, Associate Director; Suzanne Field, Senior Habilitation Coordinator; Rosemary Gilston, Direct Support Professional; Louise Bouton, Assistant Habilitator; Susan Ferry, Assistant Manager; Wendy Moore, Program Manager; Erin Benjamin, Direct Support Professional; Shawn Cebula, Assistant Manager; Lori Shults, Assistant Habilitator; Darlene Monk, Scheduling Clerk; Patrick Cechnicki, Residential Manager; Heather Kolodziej; Jennifer Friers, Office Clerk; Amy Squillace, Direct Support Professional; Candy Opalka, Chief Operating Officer and Kara Reed, Assistant Manager.

Fifteen years recognition was given to Tauna Lucas, Licensed Practical Nurse; Shirley Pettengill, Assistant Manager; Rachel Simard, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Kelly Martelle, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Samantha Loucks, Direct Support Professional; Ami Deay, Direct Support Professional; Jenai Cary, Assistant Manager; Joseph Santos, Recruitment Coordinator; Elizabeth Rosado, Direct Support Professional; Lisa Leonard, Administrative Secretary; Deitra Stockwell, Assistant Manager; Gary Hanson, Project Manager; Valerie Harrington, Admissions & Intake Coordinator; Jacqueline Bourque, Medical Office Clerk and Jason Downing, Lead Maintenance Mechanic.

Recognition for ten years of service went to Daniel Harrison, Direct Support Professional; Bernadette Masten, Direct Support Professional; Laura Rieken, Driver (Group Leader); Carmen Irizarry, Residential Manager; James Cislo, Direct Support Professional; Danielle Whelly, Grant Development Coordinator; Meagan Riccardi, Speech Language Pathologist; Melissa Chrysler, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Bethany Nitsky, Direct Support Professional; Kathleen Foster, Executive Secretary; Judith Vickery, Direct Support Professional; Karen Lawyer, Assistant Habilitator; Jennifer Bernardo, Program Manager; Ashley Gavel, Direct Support Professional; Erica Rickard, Direct Support Professional; Patricia Squillace, Direct Support Professional; Karen Passino, Direct Support Professional; Dr. Kevin Buyck, DDS; Vanessa Rulison, Intake Coordinator; Jeannine Jones, Assistant Habilitation 1; Anna Wozniak, Assistant Habilitation Specialist; Beth Baran, Direct Support Professional; Beth Perry, Assistant Habilitator; Erin Mabbett, Assistant Habilitator; Jennifer Saunders, Chief Executive Officer; Deborah Oliver, Residential RN; Julio Rodriguez, Bus Driver; Patricia Wellman, Direct Support Professional; Brenda Lapi, Direct Support Professional and Cheryl Wagner, Assistant Manager.

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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