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Agency Recognizes Employment Partnerships and Milestones

AMSTERDAM- The Career and Employment Network (CEN) held its annual awards luncheon yesterday at Rolling Hills Country Club. CEN recognized area businesses who employ those who need supportive employment as well as those who have been successful in their places of work.

The following were recognized:

KeyMark Corporation and Alpin Haus were awarded CEN's Employers of the Year for their continued effort partnering with CEN to maximize each employee's potential while meeting their business needs.

KeyMark Corporation has forged opportunities for people seeking on-the-job learning, internships and permanent employment. They have played an active role in providing meaningful performance appraisals and seeking opportunities for mentorship and growth.

Alpin Haus was recognized for their longstanding relationship with CEN; promoting employment opportunities for all persons as well as the genuine care they show to their employees. Not only has Alpin Haus been a long time employer but their culture is such that lasting, heartfelt relationships are naturally developed and nurtured.

Lee Orton was named CEN's Employee of the Year. Lee has worked for Walmart for more than 25 years. His conscientious attitude, strong work ethic and desire to always go above and beyond is continually noted by his co-workers and supervisor. His desire to be a valued and respected employee continues to show as much or even more than it had on his very first day. Lee was unanimously selected as employee of the year by the entire CEN staff.

Special Mentions:

Dependability- Anna Baran, Larry Hallett and Dennis Smith

Longevity- Steve LaFountain and Anthony Strazza

Overcoming adversity- Harry Bugasch and Maggie Rodriguez

Mentoring skills- Frank Rivera

Perseverance- Sharon Fiorello, Kenny Pawlaczyk and Shashona Perry

Initiative- Zachary Gabriel

Growth and improvement- Peter Dufault

CEN also provides: benefits counseling, resume development, job interview preparation, job searching, career advancement, advocacy, navigation of employee relations and benefits, development of workplace accommodations, on the job training/coaching and more.

If you are a local business that would like to offer an encouraging work involvement or someone looking for a positive employment engagement experience please contact:

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About CEN

For more than 25 years, under the umbrella of Liberty ARC, the Career & Employment Network (CEN) offers their clients personalized training, assessment, career planning, job placement and on-the-job coaching supports. CEN partners with local businesses in order to foster long-term, quality job prospects as well as area school districts to provide youth with community work based learning opportunities and school to work transition services as well as area business for meaningful and long-term employment prospects.

About Liberty ARC

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The ARC New York, was founded in 1957 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wished to establish special education programs in the local community. Currently celebrating 60 years of quality services, the organization has grown to include employment/vocational, recreational, residential, day, family support and health-related services to nearly 580 individuals with physical, developmental and other disabilities.