



May Considered ‘Workplace Success’

Mike May doesn't let his vision impairment prevent him from accomplishing his life goals; meaningful employment being one of the most important. When Mike began his career path with Liberty Enterprises, a manufacturing subsidiary of Liberty ARC, he encountered the difficult assignment of learning how to complete a job that required good hand-eye coordination. This was particularly difficult for Mike because he's legally blind.

With a lot of perseverance and encouragement from his work supervisor, Mike was not only able to complete the job, but he also became proficient. Mike is so adapted at this particular skill that he's now seen as the expert and works at a competitive pace to produce a top-quality product.

Mike attended the Batavia School for the Blind where he learned Braille, received mobility training and participated in vocational training. After his schooling, Mike worked in the community until 1982 when he started his career with Liberty Enterprises.

Mike takes pride in self-sufficiency and enjoys working because it gets him closer to his goal of making as much money as possible in order to improve the quality of life for himself and his wife, Patty. When Mike isn't busy working, he enjoys spending time with Patty and close friends, watching action shows and cooking.

Mike is always willing to seek opportunities to expand his work skills so that he can be a flexible employee. Because of his visual impairment, Mike has been forced to overcome many obstacles in his career, yet he continues to persevere and lead by example. Always punctual, he gets right to work the second he arrives – motivated to do his best and be a role model to others. Mike takes pride in every work assignment he is given; along with his attention to detail and willingness to learn, making him a workplace success with his staff and peers.

Mike May is the type of employee who places high expectations on himself and strives for excellence in his work. This admirable work ethic is exactly why Mike's name was submitted as Liberty ARC's 2018 nominee for the William B. Joslin Award, presented by the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) !

Congratulations, Mike! You truly deserve this honor.