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Archway Programs' Employee Recognized at Philadelphia Flyers Game

Ron Reid selected as Community Teammate Honoree

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PHILADELPHA, PENNSYLVANIA (March 7, 2018) – Ron Reid represented Archway Programs at a Philadelphia Flyers game for being identified as a Community Teammate, recognized for his service and dedication to improving his community. The recognition was presented to Mr. Reid by Philadelphia Insurance Group and the Philadelphia Flyers. Reid along with thousands of Flyers fans watched an exclusive special feature interview on the video board where staff members talked about the incredible work Reid does at Archway Programs. This wasn't the only surprise that was in store for him though. Bob "The Hound" Kelly presented Reid with a customized Flyers jersey signed by "The Hound" himself! Reid, an avid Philadelphia sports fan, knew exactly who Kelly was and was grateful to get the opportunity to meet him. Bob Kelly is a former NHL Philadelphia Flyers player and currently serves as a Flyers Ambassador. Watch the exclusive interview here, <u>https://youtu.be/tuecsFB2B-8</u>.



Philadelphia Flyers Ice Girl; Ron Reid, Career Center Job Coach and Home Economics Instructor, Archway Programs; Carl Siglin, Underwriter, Philadelphia Insurance Group; and Bob "Houndog" Kelly, Flyers Ambassador (and former NHL Philadelphia Flyers player).

With Reid were three students from Archway's Upper School, where he serves as Career Center Job Coach and Home Economics Instructor. Students Michael, David and Dorshay had a great time at the game and were appreciative for the opportunity to attend their first Philadelphia Flyers game with Mr. Reid.



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Ron Reid, Career Center Job Coach and Home Economics Instructor, Archway Programs with Upper School students Michael, David and Dorshay.

"I have watched Ron's positive, encouraging interaction with students and co-workers. He exemplifies what our organization represents and is a role model for not only other employees but for everyone in the community," says Shawn Gibson, Chief Operating Officer at Archway Programs.

Reid wears many hats at Archway Programs and has been with the organization since 1997. He started off working in the Partial Care Youth Programs, HOPE and DISCOVER. These programs are for children between the ages of five and eighteen with behavior and/or emotional concerns that interfere with their daily living. Kids in both programs live at or below poverty line and often times their families or caretakers have limited resources for necessities such as shelter, food, clothing and transportation. He stays in touch with kids who graduate from the Partial Care Youth programs and usually sees them at Archway's Thanksgiving event each year which is something everyone looks forward to.

Reid is currently a Career Center Job Coach and Home Economics Instructor at Archway's Upper School. Students enrolled at the Upper School (ages 5-21), not only come to us from impoverished socio-economic backgrounds, but they also display moderate to severe behavioral disorders that interfere with learning. Going above and beyond, Reid puts everyone's needs in front of his own. He is heavily involved in the Careers Education Program at Archway Schools, is a talented Home Economics Instructor and is always thinking of new ways to make learning fun for the kids. Reid is also an avid advocate for Archway Programs and involved in the local community, always volunteering for causes that are near and dear to his heart.

"Ron is an inspiration to all of us. It is an honor to see the incredible and impactful work he does each and every day. We are honored to call him part of our Archway family," stated George Richards, Chief Financial Officer and Interim CEO, at Archway Programs.



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George Richards, Chief Financial Officer and Interim CEO; Archway Upper School students Michael, David and Dorshay; Dustin Roach, Paraprofessional, Upper School; Ron Reid, Career Center Job Coach and Home Economics Instructor, Archway Programs.

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About Archway Programs

Since 1965, Archway Programs has been meeting the special needs of thousands of families throughout the state of New Jersey. It is a private, non-profit human services organization. Archway Programs maintains numerous model programs where individuals with physical, emotional and neurological disabilities are partnered with passionate, committed and talented professionals in a safe environment. Archway Programs strives to improve the life of every individual we serve. Approximately 440 individuals are employed through Archway Programs throughout all of its programs, which provide services up to 1,800 students and adults with special needs. Please visit <u>www.archwayprograms.org</u> for more information.



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