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Recognizing Employees Who Are Making a Difference
Archway Programs honors 2017-2018 Leader and Employee of the Year

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ATCO, NEW JERSEY (April 20, 2018) – Archway Programs honors its Leader of the Year and Employee of the Year recipients, recognizing staff members who have made extraordinary contributions to the mission and vision of Archway Programs. This year, Archway Programs had so many nominations for Employee of the Year that they are awarding two Employees of the Year awards. Each employee is nominated by peers and supervisors who believe each person demonstrates exceptional performance, has held their position for over a year, is seen as a steady force for positive change and has accomplished an amazing feat in the context of their work that distinguishes the employees from all others. The Leader of the Year is nominated in a similar process, however, this award is for an employee on the leadership team, who shows sensitivity to and respects staff roles through best practice supervision, demonstrates a positive attitude towards all people and is a role model of creativity, intelligence, and initiative in providing a quality work environment.

Special congratulations to Archway Programs' 2017-2018 Leader of the Year, Miss Ashlee Battle. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Ashlee is fueled by her passion to help individuals recognize their strength to overcome obstacles and work through past trauma. Serving as the Partial Care Services Program Director, Ashlee has been at Archway Programs since 2009. She has held many positions during her time at Archway Programs, which include: Human Services Counselor for one of the Partial Care Youth Programs (DISCOVER), internships with Partial Care Services Adult (ACT) and Youth Programs (HOPE/DISCOVER) while obtaining her MSW, Assistant Clinical Director for Partial Care Youth Programs and most recently, Partial Care Services Program Director. Previously Ashlee has served in positions within both hospital and residential settings and is a graduate of Rutgers University in Camden where she obtained her BA in childhood studies.

“Ashlee is a true leader not only in her position as Partial Care Services Program Director, but for individuals served and those in the community. She is constantly empowering others and helping individuals remove barriers to work through whatever issues they may be facing. She exemplifies excellence in her profession and we could not be more proud to have her at Archway Programs,” stated Shawn Gibson, Chief Operating Officer at Archway Programs.



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Ashlee Battle, Partial Care Services Program Director receiving the 2017-2018 Leader of the Year Award presented by George Richards, Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Congratulations are also in order for Archway Programs' 2017-2018 Employees of the Year, Mr. Russell Polk and Mrs. Brenda Saunders. Russell has been part of the Archway family since 2011 and currently serves as Programs Transportation Driver. Russell is as dedicated as he is funny, he is always making staff and clients laugh and is always offering to lend a helping hand. Russell has a strong commitment to serving others and positive attitude, he is truly one of a kind. He is very spiritual man and is a proud father and grandfather.

“Russell is someone I know I can always count on, he’s someone I know will go above and beyond my expectations. He’s extremely compassionate, respectful and has a heart of gold. We are very lucky to have him,” said Sherri Bishop, Transportation Coordinator at Archway Programs.



Russell Polk, Programs Transportation Driver receiving the 2017-2018 Employee of the Year Award with Denise Milazzo, Executive Director of Human Resources and George Richards, Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer.



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Brenda Saunders has been part of the Archway family for the past twenty-nine years. Brenda is extremely diligent, hardworking, and detail oriented. She currently serves as Just Kids Coordinator of Staffing and Licensing. Brenda has served many positions in the Just Kids Program since being at Archway Programs, which include: Childcare Supervisor, Administrative Officer Manager, District Manager, Summer Camp Director and Childcare Assistant Teacher.

“Brenda’s positive can do attitude and even keeled personality have been a core reason for the Just Kids Program’s history of success. She played a vital role in the infrastructure of the Just Kids Program as we have grown and developed over the past 30 years,” stated Lorin Powell, Just Kids Program Director.



Lorin Powell, Just Kids Program Director presenting Brenda Saunders, Just Kids Coordinator of Staffing and Licensing with the 2017-18 Employee of the Year Award.

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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 www.archwayprograms.org for more information.



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