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South Jersey Biz Magazine Announces Nonprofit Stars of 2018

Archway Programs is selected as a leading nonprofit in South Jersey

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ATCO, NEW JERSEY (November 28, 2018) – Archway Programs has been selected as one of South Jersey Biz Magazine's Nonprofit Stars of 2018. Award recipients consist of leading nonprofit organizations in the South Jersey area that go above and beyond in the community and make an impact in the lives of individuals who need care and support. There are a total of seventeen Nonprofit Stars of 2018, which were nominated by South Jersey Biz Magazine's editorial team. This is an annual nonprofit feature, highlighting the top nonprofit organizations throughout South Jersey who are making a difference in their communities. South Jersey Biz Magazine distributed their November 2018 issue on November 27, 2018. An online version can be found on the South Jersey Biz website at <http://www.southjerseybiz.net/>.

For over fifty years, Archway Programs has been an advocate for thousands of families throughout New Jersey. Over the course of its history, Archway Programs has progressed, driving positive change through innovative development and expansion of services providing new opportunities throughout the community. Whether it's a child who isn't hitting a developmental milestone, teen facing life challenges, an adult who needs a place to call home, foster parents who need support, or a family who needs a safe and reliable childcare program, Archway Programs provides a measurable impact. Archway Programs provides an array of unmatched services committed to excellence, designed to meet the individualized needs of children, youth, adults, and families, dedicated to improving the life of every individual served.

Within the last year, Archway Programs has experienced a significant amount of growth throughout the organization and strives to continue to reach more families in need of services. This fall, Archway's Education Department expanded its special education services with the launch of a new program to benefit Camden students. The Archway School at Cooper's Poynt provides approved private school placement located in a public elementary school in North Camden. Students have opportunities to integrate with typical peers from students in the Camden public school and from students at the Archway Schools on the main campus. The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) named The Archway Schools as a 2018-2019 School of Excellence, the highest level of recognition a private education school can achieve through their professional association. This is the fifth consecutive year the Archway Schools have received this award. In early 2018, Archway Programs received international acknowledgment for excellence in special needs education, and welcomed guests from a special education school in Denmark. Staff from both organizations shared innovative ideas, discussed industry trends, and gained outside perspective.

Archway's early intervention program, Step by Step, expanded this fall through a new partnership with Voorhees Pediatric Rehabilitation Services at the Voorhees Pediatric Facility. This collaboration provides

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opportunities for staff from both organizations to help more families in the community, providing therapeutic services to children experiencing delays in reaching developmental milestones or with a medical diagnosis that puts them at risk for delay. Archway's school-based childcare services program, Just Kids, recently celebrated its thirty year milestone and as of this year, it is now offered to even more families throughout South Jersey, with twenty-one program sites throughout 11 school districts. The Just Kids program has consistently received high ratings from parents. From a parent survey conducted in 2018, 97% of parents said they would recommend Just Kids to other parents, and 93% of parents said that the Just Kids Program provides a good value.

Archway Programs has extended its mission of delivering positive transformation not only to its client base, but also to its internal network of employees. Archway's goal is to connect all employees, keeping them updated with the latest news and organizational goals. Executives from Archway Programs recognize the importance of investing in its employees and how critical that is to the organization's success.

"The level of dedication that Archway staff has shown to improve the lives of others is truly remarkable. We are not only committed to our clients, but also to our Archway family. Archway Programs is dedicated to building and supporting a culture that embraces diversity and the personal and professional growth of our employees," said George Richards, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

This year also marks Archway Programs' five year milestone of being an affiliate of Woods Services, one of the nation's leading premier non-profits, multi-service population health management and advocacy organization. Other affiliates include Allies NJ, Woods Community at Brian's House, Tabor Services, and Legacy Treatment Services. The partnerships created among all of Woods' affiliate organizations enable the affiliates to draw on one another's strengths and to collaborate, leading to superior levels of care for individuals served.



Children from Archway's partial care youth programs, HOPE and DISCOVER, at their annual fun day earlier this year.



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Archway Programs offers additional child and family programs which consist of respite services, foster family support, and partial care youth programs. Adult programs include respite services, community living supports, transition planning, prevocational training, community based supports, community inclusion services, residential community homes for adults with intellectual disabilities, and a day program for adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

For more information on Archway Programs, visit www.archwayprograms.org.

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About Archway Programs

Since 1965, Archway Programs has been meeting the individualized needs of thousands of families throughout the state of New Jersey. Archway Programs is a diverse, non-profit, human services organization which includes approved private schools for students with disabilities in addition to several model programs providing unmatched services. Built on a solid foundation of core values, providing safety, possessing compassion and promoting individuality, Archway Programs strives to improve the life of every individual served. Our goal is to ensure that each individual's needs are met and customized services are provided and partnered with passionate, committed and talented professionals in a safe environment. Over 440 individuals are currently employed by Archway Programs and this dedicated and talented staff provides services to over 1,800 children and adults requiring individualized care. Please visit www.archwayprograms.org for more information.



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