

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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RE: New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. Honors Area Individuals With Disabilities for Employment Excellence

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Elmira, NY – The month of October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and The Arc of Chemung is pleased to announce that Annette Rutter (Elmira), a person supported by the agency, was among 51 statewide 2019 Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc’s (NYSID) 16th annual people-centered awards program. Annette is being recognized for her custodial work through Southern Tier Industries (STI).

A part of the Southern Tier Industries’ team for more than 11 years, Annette has always reflected a “can do” spirit on any task assigned, and sets a good, professional, example in the community which reflects highly on herself and her peers. When asked about what she likes about her job, Annette says, “just like everyone else, I enjoy getting a paycheck. My paycheck helps me to maintain my independence and active role in my community as well as pay for my home.”



STI, a division of The Arc of Chemung, provides training and employment opportunities to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. STI is dedicated to developing vocational skills and work habits in order for individuals we support to be employed at local businesses. Employment provides a great source of pride and meaning in the lives of the people we support and we are pleased to have such incredible support from our community businesses, who provide opportunities for career exploration and development, as well as paying jobs for the people we support.

NYSID is a not-for-profit business which administers Preferred Source contracts for products and services in support of state and local government procurement budgets. NYSID’s annual Joslin Awards Program celebrates excellence in Preferred Source employment by New Yorkers with disabilities. More than 820 individuals have been named Joslin Outstanding Performers since 2004. All Outstanding Performers receive a certificate of achievement and cash award, and are featured in an annual yearbook.

ABOUT THE ARC OF CHEMUNG

Founded in 1953, The Arc of Chemung is a person-centered, not for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the Chemung County area. The agency provides quality supports and opportunities for individual growth for every person supported by means of education, increased community acceptance, and participation.

The Arc of Chemung supports more than 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually. Learn more at www.arcofchemung.org. The Arc of Chemung is a chapter of the state agency, The Arc New York, and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).