

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 Arc of Chemung announces that Gary Soule (Elmira), a person supported by the agency, was among 58 statewide 2017 Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc.'s (NYSID) annual people-centered awards program. Gary is being recognized for his custodial and landscaping work through Southern Tier Industries (STI).

"Gary is an outstanding member of the STI Mobile Work Crew," said Tom Harrigan, Mobile Work Crew Manager. "Gary has become a role model with his easy-going, friendly spirit, and dedication to always show up for work."

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. To date, 172 individuals in Chemung County receive supports from STI.



Gary Soule with Tom Harrigan, Mobile Work Crew Manager

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. NYSD's annual Joslin Awards Program celebrates excellence in Preferred Source employment by New Yorkers with disabilities. More than 700 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 nearly 800 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, NYSARC, Inc. and is nationally accredited by The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).