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## **LITTLE PEOPLE OF MAHOPAC, INC. WINS AWARD FOR FURTHERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Valhalla, NY - -** CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Inc. (CAREERS) announces that Little People of Mahopac, Inc. has received a Local Award for its contribution in providing jobs for individuals with disabilities.

The award was given by the Mid-Hudson Employment Alliance at the National Disability Awareness Month Awards Ceremony held October 14 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY. Director Lisa Wilson accepted the award on behalf of Little People of Mahopac.

CAREERS nominated Little People of Mahopac for the award. "Little People of Mahopac is a tremendous employer and advocate for people with disabilities," Tina Cornish-Lauria, Director of CAREERS for People with Disabilities, says. "This organization recognizes the dedication and hard work individuals with disabilities bring to their jobs, and they are an excellent employment partner in providing job opportunities."

Since 1987, CAREERS has provided job placement and support services to people with disabilities in Westchester and Putnam Counties and made **over 1,700 individual job placements and provided services to thousands of people**. CAREERS' mission is to insure that all disabled individuals find sustained, meaningful employment in the communities in which they live. They work one-on-one with each client and employer to facilitate ongoing success in the workplace, and help those with disabilities reach their maximum level of self-support and self-reliance. All of CAREERS services are provided free of charge to clients and employers.

For additional information about how CAREERS helps disabled individuals, or employers in need of qualified help, contact CAREERS' Valhalla office, which serves central and lower Westchester, at 914-741-8500, or the Carmel office, which serves northern Westchester and Putnam Counties, at 845-225-8007.

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### **PHOTO CUT LINE**

The Mid-Hudson Employment Alliance gave Little People of Mahopac, Inc. a Local Award at its National Disability Awareness Month awards ceremony. Little People of Mahopac received the award for its contribution in providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. (left to right) Marie O'Connor, CAREERS Sr. Employment Specialist; Carol Lynne Penta, Asst. Director Little People of Mahopac; Lisa Wilson, Director Little People of Mahopac; and Teresa Toussaint, Mid-Hudson NDEAM Chairperson.