



## Vermont's Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities 2014 & 2015 "Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)" Employer Awards

The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) awarded the "Spirit of the ADA" Awards to the following employers in 2014 and 2015 who reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices. Successfully meeting the following criteria qualifies employers for eligibility to be nominated:

- 1) Recruitment outreach and equal accessibility in the application, interviewing, and hiring procedures for people with disabilities.
- 2) Use of on-the-job accommodations, modifications, progressive employment methods, and/or creative solutions for successful training and employment of people with disabilities.
- 3) Accessible physical structures, buildings, work stations and equipment, and services.
- 4) Support for the employment of a person(s) with disability as an overall employment strategy.

For 2015, the following employers were recognized:

Barbara Barber, Label Shopper – Bennington  
Betsy Bailey, Little Dippers Doodle Children's Center – St. Johnsbury  
Sandra Kuc, Vermonsters Childcare and Learning Center – Rutland  
Executive Chef Ray Wood, Capitol Food Court (The Abbey Group) - Montpelier  
Simon Labranche and JP Labranche, Labranche Lumber Company – Newport  
Holly Laber, Green Mountain Electric Supply – Colchester  
Neomi Lauritsen, Springfield Food Co-op – Springfield  
Mike Rainville, Maple Landmark Woodcraft – Middlebury  
Michael Underwood, Walmart – St. Albans  
Matt Farnham, Hannaford Food & Drug – Morrisville  
Carolyn Stoughton, The Gathering Place – Brattleboro  
FedEx Ground – White River Junction, VT/West Lebanon, NH

For 2014, the following employers were recognized:

Brian Walbridge, VT Dept. of Buildings and General Services – Springfield  
Mark Hastings, Bond Auto – South Burlington  
Lonnie Lisai, Lisai's Chester Market – Chester  
Scott Found, The Home Depot – Bennington  
Bill Matteson, A.W. Perkins – Rutland

### **About the Vermont GCEPD**

The GCEPD is a permanent statewide committee established in 1963 by the Vermont legislature to promote the employment of people with disabilities. Its 23 members represent a broad cross section of individuals from business, disability groups, government, and service providers. Through education and outreach activities it provides support and resources to employers and job seekers to facilitate the employment and accommodation of people of all abilities. For more information pertaining to our work, please contact the following representatives of the GCEPD:

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