



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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