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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE  
**EMPLOYMENT OF  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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**Montpelier, Vermont, October 1, 2017** – The Vermont Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) has announced their 2017 “Spirit of the ADA” Awardees from across the state. The “Spirit of the ADA” Awards are given to employers who reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices. Awardees will be honored at ceremonies being held throughout the month of October. A schedule of the ceremonies is at the end of this release.

Successfully meeting any of 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 a disability as an overall employment strategy.

The following businesses will be recognized for the hiring and retention of people with disabilities:

**Shaw’s Supermarket**, 160 Paine Turnpike N., Berlin, VT

**Ramunto’s Restaurant**, 519 Main Street, Bennington, VT

**Label Shopper**, 766 Putney Road, Brattleboro, VT

**Old Spokes Home**, 322 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT

**RDI**, 76 Lakemont Road, Newport, VT

**Casella’s Recycling**, 25 Green Hill Lane, Rutland, VT

**River Street Pharmacy**, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT

**Westaff**, 30 Mapleville Depot, St. Albans, VT

**VTrans Garages**, 1068 US Route 5, St. Johnsbury, VT

**Upper Valley Aquatic Center**, 100 Arboretum lane, White River Junction, VT

**TJ Maxx**, 255 Swanton Road, St. Albans, VT\*

**TJ Maxx**, 168 Ames Drive, Berlin, VT\*

**TJ Maxx**, 260 Court St., Middlebury, VT\*

\*note: all three TJ Maxx stores will be recognized at the Middlebury store on 10/25. See calendar below.

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**SPIRIT OF THE ADA AWARDS CALENDAR**  
**October 2017**

The following individuals and their respective businesses will be recognized for their leadership in recruiting and retaining workers with disabilities. Each ceremony will be held at the business location, where a description of the reasons for nomination will be shared and a plaque will be presented. Community members, legislators, media representatives, and company employees are all welcome to attend.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Individual(s)</b>
<b>10/3</b>	10am	<b>Old Spokes Home, Burlington</b>	Laura Jacoby
	2pm	<b>Westaff, St. Albans</b>	Sheila Perrotte
<b>10/10</b>	10am	<b>Shaw's Supermarket, Berlin</b>	All staff
	12:30pm	<b>Upper Valley Aquatic Center, White River</b>	Rich Synnott & Chris Halliday
<b>10/17</b>	10am	<b>RDI, Newport</b>	James Walsh & Alexis Carpenter
	12 noon	<b>VTrans, St. Johnsbury</b>	Kevin Gadapee & Carl Senecal
<b>10/18</b>	12 noon	<b>Ramunto's, Bennington</b>	Matt Willey
<b>10/24</b>	11am	<b>Label Shopper, Brattleboro</b>	Heather Howe
	12:30pm	<b>River Street Pharmacy, Springfield</b>	Marc Prouty
<b>10/25</b>	10am	<b>TJ Maxx stores in Middlebury, St. Albans and Berlin</b> (note: ceremony for all three stores will be held in the Middlebury store)	Valerie Corriveau, Eileen Newton, Jim Barbari, Spencer Lemons
	12 noon	<b>Casella's, Rutland</b>	Joe Soulia