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### **Brevard Achievement Center Recognizes Business Community at E<sup>2</sup>A Awards**

Rockledge, Fla. – [Brevard Achievement Center](#) (BAC), celebrating 50 years as the first Brevard-based nonprofit founded to help people with disabilities achieve personal success, will present its second annual E<sup>2</sup>A (Employ, Empower: Achieve) community awards on Wednesday, October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Hilton Rialto as part of the agency’s National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) activities. The E<sup>2</sup>A awards celebrate those individuals and organizations across Brevard that have created opportunities for persons with disabilities to achieve.

In addition to the breakfast award ceremony, the event will feature keynote speaker Rachel Simon, a nationally recognized public speaker and bestselling author on issues related to diversity and disability. Simon’s book *Riding the Bus with My Sister* was adapted for theatre, National Public Radio and television for both Lifetime and the Hallmark Channel. Its critically acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame feature was directed by Anjelica Huston and starred Rosie O’Donnell and Andie McDowell

“Throughout the year many in the Brevard community empower individuals with disabilities by giving them a chance to work, enhance their job skills or offer inspiration,” said BAC President and CEO, Amar Patel. “These awards are just a small way we can acknowledge the major impact these organizations and individuals have made on our community.”

The following awards will be given at this year’s ceremony:

- **Employ, Empower Award**  
Recognizes organizations that create work opportunities in the community for people with disabilities. *Presented to the Brevard County Clerk of Court last year.*
- **Moving Forward Award**  
Recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have made special efforts to assist people with disabilities in gaining new skills or improving access to employment opportunities. *Presented to the Brevard Zoo last year.*
- **Believe and Achieve Award**  
Recognizes individuals with disabilities who have made significant personal strides in achieving success in work and/or life. *Presented to Karen Kirkland of Carr, Riggs & Ingram last year.*

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a corporate table of eight. Go to [bacbrevard.com/events](http://bacbrevard.com/events) to purchase tickets or contact Susan McGrath at [smcgrath@bacbrevard.com](mailto:smcgrath@bacbrevard.com) or 321-632-8610, ext. 204 for more information.

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