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Brevard Achievement Center Abundantly Awarded By RESPECT of Florida

Rockledge, Fla. – The Brevard Achievement Center (BAC) recently received several awards from the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (Florida ARF) and its central non-profit agency, RESPECT of Florida, on two separate occasions during the month of September.

At RESPECT of Florida’s annual awards ceremony held in Clearwater Beach on September 19, BAC received the Employment Center of the Year – Products award for the second year in a row, and third time overall. The award is given to honor excellence in product quality, timely delivery and prompt, accurate invoicing. Through RESPECT of Florida, BAC provides a variety of products and product services to several state agencies such as medical gloves for the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Revenue; first aid kits for the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Fish and Wildlife and several state park agencies; and soap for the Florida Department of Corrections.

Also recognized at the ceremony were clients Deborah F. and James A. who received awards for Employee of the Year and Most Improved of the Year respectively, as well as client, Rosemary G. who was given an Honorable Mention in the Rookie of the Year category. In addition, former BAC President and CEO, Dayle Olson was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the agency, and the Board Appreciation Award for Olson’s many years of service as a RESPECT Board member. Olson retired from BAC in July after 27 years of service to BAC.

“We are extremely grateful to RESPECT of Florida for acknowledging the outstanding work our clients do every day,” said BAC President and CEO, Amar Patel. “Through RESPECT of Florida, we’re able to give persons with disabilities the chance to learn valuable employment skills which, in turn, fosters growth and independence.”

Prior to the awards ceremony, the Florida ARF, in conjunction with the Florida Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), awarded Habilitation Coordinator, Brooke Alduino for her “continued excellence in the field of developmental disabilities” during Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week September 9 – 15. Brooke was one of five DSPs in Florida recognized with this honor.

BAC is one of over 50 non-profit organizations within the state of Florida that offer employment training opportunities to persons with disabilities due to its partnership with RESPECT of Florida. To learn more about the Florida ARF and RESPECT of Florida, visit www.floridaarf.org. For more information about BAC, visit www.bacbrevard.com or call (321) 632-8610.

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