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Hope Enterprises Honored with Governor's Achievement Award for Workforce Development

Williamsport, PA – Hope Enterprises Inc., a leading northcentral PA social services agency, received a 2017 Employer Honor Roll Award from the state's Department of Human Services at the 33rd Annual Employment, Training and Education Conference held May 10-12, 2017, at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.

Jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association and the state's departments of Aging, Labor & Industry, Human Services, and Education, the Governor's Achievement Awards recognize exceptional employers and training providers that promote outstanding hiring and workforce development practices. Hope Enterprises was nominated by the PA Workforce and Development Corporation for Hope's commitment to the EARN and CareerLink programs that have provided job opportunities for numerous workers.

"Hope is a pillar in our community, and we provide meaningful employment to many people," said Stephanie Shover, recruitment specialist at Hope Enterprises. "We have partnered with EARN and CareerLink to help participants improve their employability. It's rewarding to know that these skills materialize when participants find employment and are successful in their careers. Everyone has a success story, and programs like these play an important part in that."

Since January 2016, 14 people have been hired through the local CareerLink office's employment and training program, and 10 of those 14 people are still working for Hope Enterprises.

"This recognition is a result of much hard work and dedication on Stephanie's part," said Robert Labatch, president of Hope Enterprises. "She has spearheaded numerous job fairs, presentations, and seminars in an effort to assist people not only in their job searches but in their overall employability, which includes improving networking techniques and interview skills."

Shover says the agency's success can be attributed to supportive coworkers and commitment to the organizational mission. "We have many proud Hope staff who go above and beyond every day to make a difference in a person's life," she said. "I am passionate about our agency, and I think the work we do is absolutely amazing."

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Founded in 1952, Hope Enterprises is a comprehensive service provider offering a wide range of programs and services for people with disabilities, serving over 800 individuals and their families across an area including Lycoming, Clinton, Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties. More information about Hope Enterprises is available at the website at www.hopeability.org.

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Caption:

Hope Enterprises received a 2017 Employer Honor Roll Award during the 33rd Annual Employment, Training and Education Conference in May 2017. Pictured are, left to right: Susie Snelick, North Central Workforce Development Board; Erica Mulberger, Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation; Mark Thompson, Hope Enterprises; Stephanie Shover, Hope Enterprises; David Christman, PA CareerLink(R) Lycoming County/CSO; and Meghan Bowes, PA CareerLink(R) Lycoming County/CSO.