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ANCOR Names Arc Herkimer’s Herringshaw 2017 Direct Support Professional of the Year for New York

On May 3, 2017, the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) recognized Wendy Herringshaw of Arc Herkimer as the 2017 Direct Support Professional of the Year for New York state.

Herringshaw serves as residential manager of Arc Herkimer’s Supportive Apartments. The award shows the dedication Herringshaw gives to support people with disabilities and reflects the quality of services provided by Arc Herkimer. Herringshaw was presented the award at the 2017 ANCOR Annual Conference: “Taking The Helm!” in San Antonio, TX.

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide a rich mosaic of daily support services for the many Americans with disabilities. DSPs are integral in helping people with disabilities participate in their communities and lead full and independent lives. Since 2007, ANCOR has honored exceptional Direct Support Professionals with the Direct Support Professional Recognition Award for exemplary work in furthering community inclusion and full participation for the many Americans living with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities.

“When it comes to supporting community living, inclusion and choice for people with disabilities, DSPs are the front line workers we rely on,” said Barbara Merrill, CEO of ANCOR. “These awards are just one small measure of saying thank you to individuals like Herringshaw. This year, ANCOR received hundreds of nominations highlighting DSPs from across the nation. Nominees are judged on their success in helping people with disabilities build social networks and engage in substantive community participation and for advocating for the people they support. Herringshaw’s name stood out and she can be proud of the difference her work has made for the people she supports at Arc Herkimer.”



Wendy Herringshaw, Arc Herkimer’s manager of Supportive Apartments, and winner of ANCOR’s 2017 Direct Support Professional of the Year for New York state.