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HCR ManorCare Receives the Champion of Opportunity Award from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

COLUMBUS, OH – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) has recognized HCR ManorCare as a Champion of Opportunity for its commitment and leadership in hiring individuals with disabilities in Ohio. The award honors companies that have gone above and beyond in their commitment and who serve as statewide examples of what it means to provide quality employment opportunities and increased independence for individuals with disabilities.

“We are pleased to announce HCR ManorCare as one of our four recipients for the Champion of Opportunity Awards,” said Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Executive Director Kevin Miller. “HCR ManorCare has embodied the mission of OOD by providing meaningful employment for individuals with disabilities and being quick to contact us when they have positions they need to fill.”

HCR ManorCare, located in Toledo, Ohio, shows their commitment to creating an inclusive workplace environment through their Heartland facilities. They work with OOD staff to identify positions and discuss options for OOD individuals to be successful. They have shown willingness and flexibility in offering work schedules that meet the needs of OOD individuals.

“We are very proud to be recognized for our commitment to caring for our diverse workforce who make a difference in our patients’ lives every day,” said GerryAnn Stolzenburg, Regional Director of Operations, HCR ManorCare. “Over the last few years we have made a commitment to work with agencies like OOD to help recruit, train and place caring workers into our facilities. We are pleased to be recognized for that today.”

The Opportunity Awards have become a significant part of OOD’s annual business recognition program where we recognize companies at various levels. From those who have just begun to recruit, hire and retain individuals with disabilities to those with a proven track record of integrating individuals with disabilities into their workforce.

OOD is committed to engaging and educating Ohio businesses on the benefits of recruiting, hiring and retaining individuals with disabilities. Representatives from the Business Engagement Team work directly with Ohio employers regardless of size to understand their workforce needs, quickly match job seekers with specific openings, and provide needed assistance and training.

OOD is the state agency responsible for assisting individuals with disabilities to gain meaningful employment, to live independently or receive disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. www.ood.ohio.gov

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