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Huntington Bank Receives Champion of Opportunity Award from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

COLUMBUS, OH – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) recognizes Huntington Bank as a Champion of Opportunity for its commitment and leadership in integrating individuals with disabilities into Ohio’s workforce.

“Huntington consistently demonstrates strong resolve to remove barriers to employment for people with disabilities. October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month and Huntington is leading by example in making inclusion part of their culture,” said OOD Executive Director Kevin L. Miller.

The Champion of Opportunity 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 gratified by this recognition from OOD and truly appreciate the exceptional services they provide throughout Ohio,” said CEO Steve Steinour. “It provides an outstanding resource connecting Ohio employers to people with disabilities who are ready and eager to work. The agency has been a great partner to Huntington increasing purposeful outreach to increase diversity within our company.”

Huntington serves as a model for other organizations as well. They have been deliberate in sharing best practices for hiring and retaining employees with disabilities with other businesses through their involvement with the Ohio Business Leadership Network.

The Opportunity Awards are a significant part of OOD’s annual business recognition program and were created to highlight Ohio companies committed to providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The awards 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. For more information on the 2016 award winners, visit <http://www.ood.ohio.gov/Employers/Opportunity-Awards>.

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 of any 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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