

*For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*

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**RE:** *New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. Honors Area Individuals With Disabilities for Employment Excellence*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Elmira, NY** – The Arc of Chemung announces that a person supported by its agency was among 60 statewide 2015 Joslin Outstanding Performers recognized through [New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc's \(NYSID\)](#) annual people-centered awards program. **Richard Larkin** (Elmira), was one of 15 individuals awarded with the final William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award. He is being recognized for his custodial work though [Southern Tier Industries](#).



Left to right: Richard Larkin and Tom Harrigan, Mobile Work Crew Manager

“Richard is an outstanding member of the STI Mobile Work Crew,” said Lori Kain, Southern Tier Industries (STI) Director. “His dedication to his team and his work is truly outstanding and we are fortunate to call him a member of our STI family and team.” STI, a division of The Arc of Chemung, provides training and employment opportunities to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. STI is dedicated to developing vocational skills and work habits in order for individuals we support to be employed at local businesses. To date, 172 individuals in Chemung County receive supports from STI.

"NYSID has been turning business opportunities into jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities for 40 years, and we are proud to recognize this year's group of Joslin Outstanding Performers," said Ron Romano, NYSID president & CEO. "As NYSID celebrates '40 Years of Looking Forward' during this anniversary year, these individuals and organizations provide incredible examples of how much New York State benefits by having a workforce that is inclusive of persons with disabilities."



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NYSID is a not-for-profit business which administers Preferred Source contracts for products and services in support of state and local government procurement budgets. NYSID's annual Joslin Awards Program celebrates excellence in Preferred Source employment by New Yorkers with disabilities. All Outstanding Performers receive a certificate of achievement and cash award, and are featured in an annual yearbook.

#### **ABOUT THE ARC OF CHEMUNG**

Founded in 1953, The Arc of Chemung is a person-centered, not for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the Chemung County area. The agency provides [quality supports](#) and opportunities for individual growth for every person supported by means of education, increased community acceptance and participation.

The Arc of Chemung supports nearly 800 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families annually. Learn more at [www.arcofchemung.org](http://www.arcofchemung.org). *The Arc of Chemung is a chapter of the state agency, NYSARC, Inc. and is nationally accredited by [The Council on Quality and Leadership \(CQL\)](#).*

