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North Region Employee Receives Special Recognition Award - ARC of Quinebaug Valley



L to R— Maureen Landry, DDS Quality of Life Monitor and Sue Desrosiers, Executive Director of the ARC at the 2008 Special Recognition Ceremony.

North Region's Quality of Life Monitor Maureen Landry was recently honored by the ARC of Quinebaug Valley. Sue Desrosiers, Executive Director of the ARC presented Ms. Landry with their 2008 Special Recognition Award.

“Without a doubt Ms. Landry is most deserving of this honor. Twenty-one years ago she began working for the Department of Developmental Services at the School Street workshop as a job developer and job coach,” said Ms. Desrosiers. “Her dedication to the needs of the individuals in her care was exemplary.”

Over the years, Ms. Landry has worked for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in various jobs. She was a supervisor over public day programs at the John Dempsey Center and then became a program monitor for the department. Ms. Landry oversaw private agency programs including the ARC of Quinebaug Valley.

“Maureen is very fair when making a judgment regarding any issue. She works with agencies to resolve problems or concerns. Most importantly, she seeks out and documents all of the positive aspects of an agency's programs,” said Ms. Desrosiers. “Throughout the years, Maureen has maintained long term relationships with the families and the individuals she began her career with, which is another testament to her dedication and commitment.”

DDS Lower Fairfield Center Fritzie Levine Gala Black Tie Celebration

When: Thursday, August 7th, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Continental Manor
112 Main Street, Norwalk, CT
RSVP: By Tuesday, August 5th

For Ticket Information
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Combine your errands

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Don't drive aggressively / drive at the speed limit

Driving 65 mph instead of 75 mph reduces fuel consumption by 13%

Driving 55 mph can save 25% in fuel

Speeding, rapid acceleration, and rapid braking all waste gas

Use cruise control to maintain a steady speed

Keep tires properly inflated and vehicle properly maintained

Use air conditioning, its more aerodynamically efficient at speeds over 55 mph

Carry extra loads in the vehicle not on the roof

Minimize vehicle idling if possible

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