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strong families, strong communities.

Southtowns Family YMCA Honored by *Aspire* For Outstanding Achievement

(West Seneca, NY) - The Southtowns Family YMCA was recently honored by *Aspire* at the Annual Western New York Employment Consortium Event. This awards reception recognizes organizations that employ individuals with disabilities.

The partnership between *Aspire* and the YMCA started with Gregg Schaper, Building Director for the Southtowns YMCA. Gregg contacted *Aspire* to recruit new employees for the maintenance team when traditional recruiting methods were not working. This unprompted interest in *Aspire* was warmly welcomed by the organization and the success of this partnership is truly a testament to the mission of both of our organizations.

“The employees from *Aspire* are really no different from the other 245 staff that we employ here at the YMCA,” stated Jeff Townsend, Executive Director for the Southtowns YMCA. “Gregg understands the importance of recruiting qualified staff and takes great pride in his team. It’s a humbling experience to be honored for just doing your job and doing what is right.”



YMCA Buffalo Niagara is an inclusive association of people committed to a common effort to help individuals and families reach their fullest potential in terms of spirit, mind, and body. Founded locally in 1852, the YMCA is committed to significantly expanding a fiscally sound, service delivery organization which delivers high quality, market driven services to a growing Western New York constituency.

As a dynamic, charitable, organization, YMCA Buffalo Niagara has been able to assist countless youth, families, and senior citizens so that they may benefit from YMCA programming. YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves more than 100,000 people annually through its association of seven branches across Western New York, YMCA resident Camp Weona as well as 40 community based program sites. From fitness to school age child care programs, swimming lessons to camp, there is something for everyone at the YMCA. For more information on all of the programs the YMCA has to offer and our financial assistance program, please contact your local YMCA branch or visit us online at www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org.

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