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COARC RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

Mellenville, New York (July 30, 2008) In commitment to delivering the highest quality service to individuals who are experiencing disabilities, every summer COARC management honors outstanding employees with COARC Exemplary Employee Awards of \$250 and a plaque for each recipient. This year's award winners are John Fitzgerald, Margaret Ryan, Charlene DeForest, Mary Judisky, Patricia Uhnak, Theresa Wright, Bonnie Passino, Bleu Anderson, Cheryl Greene, Kathleen Bennett, Tina Gaylord, Wanda Poole, Patricia Kitsock, Beverly Whitbeck, Joy Toothill, Besham Burgess, Darlene Butterworth, Tammy Grimes, Cynthia Myrdycz, Joshua Wadman, James Elmendorf, Wayne Laurange, Joshua Christiana, Melaney Wilson, Mary Greene, Trina Hawver, Karen Casivant-Mickle, Melissa Keys, Brenda Haywood, Lorinda Platti and Jennifer Gordon.

For each of its programs, COARC also recognizes one Employee of the Year with \$50 and a plaque. 2008 honorees include Kevin Jones, Bonnie Passino, Yesenia Fuentes, Kevin Hart, Joy Toothill, Besham Burgess, Karen Casivant-Mickle, Laurelin Perez, Melissa Keys, Christine Bower-Kirch, Linda Mesick, Augustus Ellsworth Jr., Fred Abel, Andrew Simmons, Christine Meara and Donna Morgan.

Additionally, Carolynn Anklam was honored with COARC's Quality Service Award, receiving \$250 and a plaque for her exceptional contributions and dedicated service to the individuals served at COARC. Andrew Simmons received COARC's Volunteer Award of \$50 and a plaque for his outstanding work as staff member who volunteers at agency functions and events. Donna Coons was recognized with COARC's Management Team Award, receiving a plaque for her unique contributions, outstanding performance and excellent management skills.

COARC is a Columbia County not-for-profit organization whose mission is expanding abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their personal goals. COARC provides an array of services and programs that benefit more than 600 individuals and it employs more than 400 area residents. Established in 1965, COARC is the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. It is primarily supported through state and federal funding, and also by individual and corporate members and other foundations. Information about employment, program services, membership and donation opportunities at COARC is available at www.COARC.org or 518-672-4451.

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