



Waterford School District Employees to Receive Prestigious ARC Awards

March 7, 2005 Waterford, Mich. - The ARC of Oakland County has awarded Waterford School District employees Karen Gomez the 2005 Distinguished Service Award; Lisa Parr-Smith and Deborah Wear the 2005 Support Professional Award; Carolyn Pitcher the 2005 Community Living Award; Leonard Schiffman the 2005 Leonard Cercone Teacher of the Year Award; and Robert Garrison the 2005 Al Carter Volunteer of the Year Award. The Arc of Oakland County awards recognize persons who have made significant contributions on behalf of or for persons who have mental retardation.

These special awards will be presented at the 35th Annual Dove Awards presentation and banquet on Friday, March 11, 2005, at the San Marino Club. Art Edwards, WDIV morning news reporter, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Arc of Oakland County is a non-profit United Way agency serving children and adults with mental retardation and other related developmental disabilities and their families throughout Oakland County. The Arc of Oakland County works through education, research and advocacy to improve the quality of life for children and adults with mental retardation and their families; and works to prevent both the causes and effects of mental retardation.

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