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Waterford School District Employees to Receive Prestigious ARC Awards

March 22, 2010 Waterford, Mich. – The ARC of Oakland County has announced it will award Waterford School District employees Michelle Mendez, Mott High School Special Education Teacher, *The 2010 Leonard Cercone Teacher of the Year Award*, for her creative and enthusiastic teaching of students with disabilities and Micah Brown, Adams and Sandburg Elementary Schools Social Worker, the *2010 Support Professional Award*, for his exceptional and genuine dedication to students with disabilities. Parent Andrea Foster will receive the *Al Carter Volunteer of the Year Award*, for giving her time to assist individuals with disabilities.

These special awards will be presented at the 40th Annual Dove Awards presentation and banquet on Friday, April 16, 2010, at the San Marino Club in Troy. 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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