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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### ***Commissioners Recognize Local Businesses for Embracing Disabled Employees***

**Cumberland County, Pa.** - The Cumberland County Commissioners recently recognized six local employers for hiring, retaining and advancing individuals with disabilities, as part of their support for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October.

The Commissioners recognized Bent Pine Alpaca Farm/Alpaca Fiber Designs, Giant PeaPod, Pro-Quality Cleaning, Chili's, Chartwells and Sunset Tees during the fourth annual Lunch and Learn event on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 in Summerdale. These employers were each presented with a Certificate of Special Recognition for earning the Business Champion Award for their commitment to hiring individuals with intellectual disabilities in Cumberland County. The luncheon was hosted by the Cumberland/Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities office, the Dauphin County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities office, and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the community on disability employment issues, and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme was "Inclusion Drives Innovation."

Cumberland/Perry IDD views employment as a priority for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and works with area businesses to assist those with special needs in finding employment. Disability is believed to be a natural part of life, and in no way diminishes a person's right to achieve a full and satisfying life, including economic self-sufficiency. For more information on Cumberland/Perry IDD programs and services, visit <https://www.ccpa.net/118/Mental-Health-Intellectual-Develop-Dis> or call (717) 240-6320.

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