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### **The Arc, Ocean County Chapter Catalyst Awards Honors Community**

***Toms River, NJ (March 21, 2023)*** – The Arc, Ocean County Chapter recognized twelve award recipients from the community at this year’s Catalyst Awards on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Toms River Clarion celebrating their commitment and dedication to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ocean County, NJ.

Congratulations to the following The Arc Catalyst Award Winners:

- Bill Sackter Citizenship Award ~ Leonard "Butch" Reuter
- Spotlight Award ~ Dan Governale, Barlo, Governale & Associates, LLC
- Distinguished Municipal Leader Award ~ Brick Township Construction, Dan Newman
- Distinguished Community Service Award ~ Atlantic Shore Pines Campground
- Employer of the Year ~ Maple Holistics
- Support Coordinator of the Year ~ Krystle Jeannot, Disability Services & Advocacy LLC
- Healthcare Professional of the Year ~ Michelle McNicholas, Our Family Practice
- Employee of the Year ~ Ruben Borrero
- Employee of the Year ~ Darrick Elam
- Employee of the Year ~ Denise Pellecchia
- Newcomer of the Year ~ Robert Cairns
- Newcomer of the Year ~ Karen Santosuosso

The Catalyst Awards was an opportunity to honor our employees, business partners, and the individuals we support who go above and beyond to serve the mission of The Arc and make a real impact on the lives of people with disabilities.

The evening included a cocktail reception, super raffle, and silent auction which raised \$23,000 with proceeds benefiting The Arc, Ocean County Chapter's programs and support services. To support the event, please visit [www.arcocean.org](http://www.arcocean.org).



**Photo of Catalyst Award Winners (L to R):** Butch Reuter, Darrick Elam, Dan Newman, Bob Cairns, Karen Santosuosso, Krystle Jeannot, Ruben Borrero, Dan Governale, Kristi McGuire, and Denise Pellecchia (Not Pictured: Michelle McNicholas and Colleen Sellers)

### **About The Arc, Ocean County Chapter**

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, Inc. was established in 1955 with the mission to advocate, provide opportunities and supports necessary for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be accepted and valued as citizens of the communities in which they choose to live, learn, work and play. Today, the chapter serves more than 1,000 individuals through residential services, vocational services, recreation services, family support, and clinical support services.

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