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FMS Workforce Solutions System Fulton and Montgomery County 2018 Business Partners of the Year

MHA Handy Ups N' Downs is this year's recipient of the Fulton, Montgomery & Schoharie Counties Workforce Development Board Business Partner of the Year award for **Fulton County**. **Catherine Lopresti, Affirmative Business Program Director, and Melissa Geier, Community Programs Director for Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties**, accepted the honor from Scott Stevens, Chairman of the FMS Workforce Development Board, at the Fulton and Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner. The ceremony was held at the Johnstown Holiday Inn on January 18th, 2019.



Melissa Geier, Community Programs Director Mental Health Association, Catherine Lopresti, Affirmative Business Program Director of Handy Ups N' Downs, and Scott Stevens, Chairman FMS Workforce Development Board

Handy Ups N' Downs, with Catherine Lopresti, opened in 1999 and is located at 111 S. Comrie Avenue in Johnstown. They also have a second location at 101 Guy Park Avenue in Amsterdam. Handy Ups N' Downs is a thrift store operated by the Mental Health Association in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, and funded in part by the Office of Mental Health. All items sold in the stores are donated by community members, and additionally, the stores support other local providers such as the Domestic Violence Shelter and the Red Cross for individuals in crisis. The stores are consumer run and provide employment and training to help individuals with mental illness re-enter the work force in a peer-supported atmosphere so they may become self-sufficient and feel confident about themselves.

Handy Ups N' Downs has been utilizing the Workforce Career Center's services for several years. They place youth at their facility each summer through the Workforce Career Center's summer and year-round Youth Program. Catherine Lopresti and her staff provide a great opportunity for the youth to gain valuable work skills and develop a professional reference for future use. We look forward to a continued partnership working with Handy Ups N' Downs.



Ann Vilte, Career Coordinator, Migdalia Quinones, Hotline Operator Centro Civico and Scott Stevens, Chairman FMS Workforce Development Board

The **Montgomery County Business Partner of the Year, Centro Civico of Amsterdam, Inc.**, was also recognized at the Chamber Dinner. **Migdalia Quinones, Hotline Operator, and Ann Vilte, Career Coordinator**, accepted the honor.

Centro Civico of Amsterdam, Inc. is located on 143 E. Main Street in Amsterdam and Ladan

Alomar is the Executive Director. Centro Civico provides comprehensive services to the children and families of Fulton and Montgomery Counties. The organization has been recognized as a model service provider utilizing innovative education and intervention methodologies which highlight the possibilities of transformation within the Hispanic and low-income communities.

The mission of Centro Civico, a Latino organization with the ability to generate unique services for all cultures, is to educate the community and act as a vehicle for self-sufficiency and growth.

Centro Civico of Amsterdam has utilized the Workforce Career Centers training services in addition to posting their job openings with the Central Job Bank. They have utilized the Youth On-the-Job Training for new hires, Youth Work Experience, and the Youth Summer Work Programs. Centro Civico has proven year after year to provide excellent mentoring for our local youth. The partnership with Centro Civico has been extremely successful and as a result, the FMS Workforce Career Centers look forward to a continuing partnership with them in workforce development. Congratulations to Ladan Alomar and her staff for their success!

**Spring Job Fair 2019
Is Coming!
Thursday, April 11, 2019
1:00—3:00 PM
At Fulton Montgomery Community College
Businesses Can Register @:
<http://bit.ly/2S3fAe5>**

Let us help YOU find YOUR new employees!

Contact Nancy Reccio at 518-842-3676 Ext. 3052 or nreccio@fmsworkforcesolutions.org

Candidate #1

Dislocated Worker seeking a full-time **Warehouse or Production Worker** position. Steady work history. Skills include basic computers, production work, assembly, customer service, supervision, time management, and communication. High School Graduate.

Ready to get to work!

On-the-Job Training Eligible.

Candidate #2

Dislocated Worker seeking a full-time **Inside Sales & Marketing Manager** position. Extensive experience in marketing management. Excellent customer service and communication skills. Learns new tasks easily and works well independently or as a team member. Nine years experience developing and managing marketing campaigns. Bachelor's Degree in Business and Marketing.

Proven Professional!

On-the-Job Training Eligible.

Candidate #3

Dislocated Worker seeking a full-time **Maintenance or HVAC** position. Extensive experience in production maintenance, installation, repair, and management. Set up and operate presses, grinders, lathes, and welders. Clean, valid CDL A license. High School Graduate.

A true asset to your team!

On-the-Job Training Eligible.

Candidate #4

Dislocated Worker seeking a full-time **Teller or Medical Receptionist** position. Skilled in customer service, clerical, notary public, com-

puter (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Mantis RIS System, and ADS400 medical program). Long-term, steady work history. Associate's Degree in Business Management.

Eager to get to work!

On-the-Job Training Eligible.

Candidate #5

Worker seeking a full-time **Personal Care or Private Duty Elder Caregiver** position. Provided everyday living assistance and personal care to the elderly. Excellent customer service and care skills. Will also perform housekeeping, laundry, and shopping duties. High School Graduate. Valid driver's license.

Enjoys seeing a job well done!



December Unemployment Rates

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Fulton County	4.8%	6.1%
Montgomery County	4.6%	6.0%
Schoharie County	4.0%	5.3%
New York State	3.8%	4.4%

****January Unemployment Rates unavailable at time of printing. To view January 2019 rates go to: <http://www.labor.ny.gov> and view press releases**

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