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Empower to honor five at annual luncheon

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Oct. 16, 2017 – Empower, the not-for-profit organization formerly known as Niagara Cerebral Palsy, will hold its second annual Living the Values Awards Luncheon at noon on Friday, October 27 at DoubleTree by Hilton, 401 Buffalo Ave. Tickets are \$35, and may be reserved at (716) 297-0798, x120 or kdaloise@empower-wny.org.

Awardees include:

Marshaun Walton will receive the Inspiring Individual Award because of the strides he has made by participating in Empower's programs.

Attorney John R. Drexelius will receive the Dr. Salvatore M. Passanese Leadership Award because of his advocacy for people with disabilities as government affairs counsel to the Developmental Disabilities Alliance of Western New York.

KeyBank and KeyBank Foundation will receive the Faithful Funder Award for their consistent financial support of Empower and its programs.

Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA will receive the Priceless Partner Award in recognition of the facility's support of Empower's bottle and can redemption center.

Wegmans will receive the Exceptional Employer Award because of its track record in employing people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through Empower.

With 300 employees and a \$14 million budget, Empower is one of Western New York's 60 largest nonprofit organizations. The administrative offices, preschool, community clinic and service coordination program are located on Lockport Road in the Town of Niagara. The job training and day programs division is based in Niagara Falls, while residential facilities are located throughout Niagara County. Licensed by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and the New York State Education Department, Empower is an affiliate of the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.

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