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DRS recognizes Food Lion Store #2568

Martinsburg, W.Va. (September 29, 2010) – The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) recognized Food Lion Store #2568 of Martinsburg as its Employer of the Year for its Martinsburg District at an Employer Recognition Banquet at Stonewall Jackson Resort on September 23, 2010.

“This banquet is a way for us to show our appreciation to the businesses nominated and selected by our vocational rehabilitation professionals for their consideration and contributions to the employment of our clients,” said Division of Rehabilitation Services Director Deborah Lovely. These employers are giving someone a chance to prove their employment capabilities. They are empowering individuals with disabilities by providing them with job opportunities.”

Food Lion Store #2568 is part of one of the largest supermarket chains in the United States. Food Lion's success is based on the principle of offering customers quality products at great prices and neighborly service in clean, conveniently located stores.

Food Lion continues to prove its commitment to supporting programs that positively impact the local community, by maintaining a long-standing relationship with DRS. The store's management has worked with DRS and has become an enthusiastic site for Community Based Assessments, which provides a short-term job “tryout” with the goal of discovering vocational strengths and weaknesses, for clients of the division. At least 20 DRS clients have received Community Based Assessments at this location, with several leading to employment at the store.

DRS, a division of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, is the state agency responsible for the federal vocational rehabilitation program in West Virginia. DRS assists people whose physical or mental condition is interfering with their ability to get or keep a job. Employers play a critical role in the success of those participating in the vocational rehabilitation program.

DRS offers individualized service to assist employers in retaining valued employees or in hiring qualified employees. DRS can provide consultation related to disability, as well as information about assistive technology, disability resources, potential tax credits, workplace accommodations and other benefits to employers.

Other West Virginia businesses recognized by DRS at the banquet include Fleet Service Company, Inc., Wheeling; Sweet Springs Valley Water Company, Gap Mills; The Op Shop, Fairmont; RPR Industries, Inc., Grantsville; and WorkForce West Virginia, Huntington.

The Martinsburg District consists of Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Hardy, Grant and Pendleton counties.

For more information about DRS and its programs, call 1-800-642-8207 (V/TDD) or visit the division's Web site at www.wvdrs.org/. In the Martinsburg District, call (304) 267-0005.