

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE
**EMPLOYMENT OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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Montpelier, Vermont, December 2, 2020 –The Vermont Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities (GCEPD) announced the employer award recipients for the “Spirit of the ADA” Awards. The Awards are given to employers who reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices. Successfully meeting the following criteria qualifies employers for eligibility to be nominated:

- 1) Recruitment outreach and equal accessibility in the application, interviewing, and hiring procedures for people with disabilities.
- 2) Use of on-the-job accommodations, modifications, progressive employment methods, and/or creative solutions for successful training and employment of people with disabilities.
- 3) Accessible physical structures, buildings, workstations and equipment, and services.
- 4) Support for the employment of a person(s) with a disability as an overall employment strategy.

The Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities Chair, Rose Lucenti congratulates this year’s award winners: “Congratulations to this year’s exemplary Vermont employers as well as past Spirit of the ADA Award Winners for being outstanding role models for hiring, training and retaining people with disabilities.”

The following employers will be recognized for hiring and retaining employees with disabilities:

The Alchemist Brewery: Jen & John Kimmich

Vermont Country Store: Beth Wirsul

Copeland Furniture: Mike Kimber

Gardner’s Supply Company: Christie Kane & Susan Elliot

Vermont Soap: Nichole Faulker

The 2020 Spirit of ADA Awards will be held virtually in February 2021.

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2020 Spirit of ADA Awards Ceremony Schedule VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, February 3rd at 10 AM

Gardener's Supply Company: Christie Kane & Susan Elliot

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95615121510?pwd=QXdiTFJRNVRNEZjSVAzY0I3aTN3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 956 1512 1510

Passcode: 705247

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,95615121510#,,,,*705247# US (Washington D.C)

Wednesday, February 3rd at 2 PM

Vermont Soap: Nichole Faulker

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92008274710?pwd=OGdwSlIEZTgrV2lZSjhER3hZUUNWQT09>

Meeting ID: 920 0827 4710

Passcode: 856448

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,92008274710#,,,,*856448# US (New York)

Monday, February 8th at 2 PM

Copeland Furniture: Mike Kimber

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98830699135?pwd=UFRhN3dnamRacStmRGM0UmlITUJPdz09>

Meeting ID: 988 3069 9135

Passcode: 644154

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,98830699135#,,,,*644154# US (New York)

Wednesday, February 10th at 10 am

Vermont Country Store: Beth Wirsul

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97764574842?pwd=QzV2MFNOSXhGTW42Slk2MXNRN1ZMz09>

Meeting ID: 977 6457 4842

Passcode: 402394

One tap mobile

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Wednesday, February 10th at 2 PM

The Alchemist Brewery: Jen & John Kimmich

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95248014571?pwd=bThqb0dFRkVHOG5EWEYyRmpDNEEdEdz09>

Meeting ID: 952 4801 4571

Passcode: 540624

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