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.
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=QXdiTFJRNVRNEzjSVAzY0l3aTN3Zz09

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=OGdwS1EZTgrV2IIZjE3hZUUNWQT09

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=UFRhN3dnamRacStmRGM0UmllTUJPdz09

Meeting ID: 988 3069 9135
Passcode: 644154
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+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=QzV2M6NOSXhGTW42Slk2MXNRN1ZMz09

Meeting ID: 977 6457 4842
Passcode: 402394
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+13017158592,,97764574842#,,,,,*402394# US (Washington D.C)

Wednesday, February 10th at 2 PM

**The Alchemist Brewery: Jen & John Kimmich**

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/95248014571?pwd=bThqb0dFRkVHOG5EWEyRmpDNEdEdz09

Meeting ID: 952 4801 4571
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