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JULIE STRENN RECEIVES DIEHARD ADVOCATE AWARD

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, November 18th, 2024 – Julie Strenn, President & CEO of Opportunity Development Centers, INC. (ODC) received a state-wide recognized award, The Diehard Advocate Award at The 2024 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference held by The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WBPDD). This award recognizes someone who goes above and beyond to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. Only four Diehard Advocate Award winners are chosen annually at the Self-Determination Conference on a state-wide level.

“Very few times I am at a loss of words. Tonight I was completely surprised and humbly honored to receive The Diehard Advocate Award. I feel thankful, grateful, and blessed,” Strenn said.

Julie has more than 25 years of experience in long-term care. She has worked for provider agencies, managed care organizations, and state and local government agencies including the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. She has provided consultative services to service providers, funders, and multiple state governments in transforming the long-term care system to focus on community employment and community living for people with disabilities. Additionally, this year she was selected to join The IRIS Advisory Committee. IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) is a self-directed state program that supports adults with disabilities and the elderly to have the freedom to make their own life decisions.

Opportunity Development Centers, Inc. (ODC) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their work and life goals. ODC was established in 1965 and supports individuals in 21 counties in Wisconsin. ODC supports individuals with disabilities from early years to adulthood. ODC provides skills training, employment services, and connects people with their communities.

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