Brick resident to be recipient of the NJACP

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The heart and soul of Easter Seals New Jerseys mission is carried out by the talented and dedicated direct support professionals (DSPs) who impact the lives of our program participants on a daily basis. DSPs, Judi Ranno of Easter Seals NJ, is the 2014 recipient of the New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP) Leadership award.

NJACP represents a diverse community of providers dedicated to elevating community-based services that enrich lives and build futures for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each year NJACP presents leadership awards in recognition of outstanding employee contributions in support of people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities across the state.

Brian Fitzgerald, President/CEO of Easter Seals NJ, commends Ms. Ranno on her strong leadership skills and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the nearly 75 program participants at Easter Seals NJ adult day program in Lakewood. Her kind, supportive and calming nature does not go unnoticed by the individuals she works with, their caregivers, and her fellow staff members. All of Judis actions demonstrate love and

kindness and she possesses an amazing ability to connect with people and make them feel special and valued. Above all, she strives to ensure that every day is a special one for each individual, says Mr. Fitzgerald.

Judi will be presented with the 2014 NJACP Leadership award at NJACP 31st Annual Conference that will be held in Bally's Park Place Casino & Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. This award will be presented at the Conference Keynote Luncheon on Friday, November 21,2014 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

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