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Award will be presented at awards breakfast in San Luis Obispo Oct. 13

– Having provided work for adults with disabilities in partnership with NCI Affiliates and Achievement House, Inc. for more than 13 years, Firestone Walker Brewing Company of Paso Robles will be honored this month with the Award for Outstanding Effort, presented by the County of San Luis Obispo.



The award, presented to businesses that go above and beyond to support individuals with disabilities, will be presented to Firestone at the second annual Disability Employment Awards Breakfast, which will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in San Luis Obispo, located at 801 Grand Avenue, on Oct. 13. The event is being held in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Firestone Walker is a brewery with locations in Paso Robles, Buellton and Venice. Their brands include the popular 805 beer.

For more than 13 years, the company has worked with employment crews training through NCI Affiliates/Achievement House, Inc., which provide employment services, employment support, job development and organizational employment services. Firestone has also directly hired several of the workers who have trained through the programs.

The awards breakfast, which begins at 7:30 a.m., will feature several speakers, including Antonio Guerrero, who worked on line support for Firestone.

The event will honor several other local businesses that have provided opportunities for disabled workers. Local businesses that provide such jobs enable disabled individuals to secure housing, transportation and health care while establishing friendships and becoming a part of their communities.

NCI/Achievement House are accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Their supported employment programs place groups and a job coach in a variety of local job sites, where tasks can include: grounds keeping and landscaping; housekeeping; car washing and cleanup crews; retail; E-waste recycling; and food services.

Individual placement programs provide individual job development and training with private employers in the community. Program elements include, but are not limited to: job preparation, training and development; situational assessment; personal vocational social adjustment.

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