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United Disabilities Services Honors Bob Handler through Essence of Humanity Award Program

Lancaster, Pa. (December 18, 2009) – United Disabilities Services recently honored Bob Handler of Willow Street, Pa., with an Essence of Humanity Award. The award was presented at the organization's December 11 all-staff meeting in Lancaster.

The Essence of Humanity Award is intended to recognize individuals who, beyond the requirements of their work, demonstrate remarkable human qualities including courage, love, strength, determination, and persistence when dealing with adversity. The award also honors those who demonstrate a spirit of caring and provide inspiration to such individuals on a daily basis.

About Bob Handler

Bob Handler has been a volunteer licensed IT consultant and computer instructor at Choices, an Adult Day Program in Lancaster, for the last twenty years. Bob keeps their computer network operational and up to date, and he also teaches participants a range of skills from word processing to spreadsheets, email, greeting cards, and online research. Bob's encouragement, persistence, and caring manner have opened new worlds for participants, according to those who work with him. His dedication reaches beyond the classroom to other types of support and advocacy as well, as he

finds people willing to donate equipment and also helps participants set up their own home computers.

As if this extensive dedication to CHOICES isn't enough, Bob also volunteers at Lancaster Regional Hospital and Willow Valley. His colleagues describe him as dedicated, encouraging, and supportive. True to the spirit of the Essence of Humanity Award, Bob Handler exemplifies those who inspire the best in all of us.

About Essence of Humanity

The intent of the Essence of Humanity Award is to honor those who inspire the best in all of us through the award and by elevating their stories. The program began in 2001 when business and community leaders in South-Central Pennsylvania established the award. The award is presented by participating organizations in collaboration with the Essence of Humanity program's steering committee, which evaluates the nominations. For more information, contact Robin Stauffer, Executive Director, at 717-293-4498, or visit the website at www.essenceofhumanity.org.

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