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Kirkwood Human Rights Commission Recognizes Employers of People with Diverse Abilities

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Kirkwood, Missouri: The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission (KHRC) has awarded the first of what is expected to be many recognition letters and identifying window stickers to Kirkwood businesses which train or employ people with diverse abilities. This project is built on the foundation of work done by Kirkwood citizens Brandie Martine, Doug Riggs, Anne Carroll, John Hoffmann, and Josh Lewis, and brought forward by the late Denis Hart, Verneda Carrier, and other members of the KHRC.

The first three honorees, listed below, are widely known for their commitment to inclusive employment and training practices.

- Sammy Soaps, 123 West Argonne
- Pioneer Bakery, 210 N. Kirkwood Road
- Schnucks Market, 10233 Manchester Road

Patrons of these businesses will notice a window sticker identifying them as employers or trainers of people with diverse abilities.

"The Human Rights Commission believes that it is important to recognize employers who have already hired those with diverse abilities," said Commission Chairman Geoff Morrison. "We also hope this initiative will promote this practice and make those with different abilities more visible and valued."

Other Kirkwood businesses that have made this commitment can notify the KHRC by contacting the Human Rights Commission through Mary Claire Sorenson at sorensmc@kirkwoodmo.org or through the KHRC web page on the City of Kirkwood website at Kirkwoodmo.org/HumanRights.

Below is the window sticker awarded to the above businesses.









THIS BUSINESS FOSTERS A WORKFORCE OF DIVERSE-ABILITIES

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