Rosemary DeCarlo

Rosemary has been working in the LI CH Department since December of 2014, although she has been working in this field for many years. Rosemary works with an individual who has physical limitations and he also is going through a transitional time in his life, as he is entering his teenage years. Rosemary arrives early in the morning each weekday to assist her service recipient to get showered, dressed, and on the bus for school. His mother relies on her so that she can get to work on time and she is dependable and flexible as per the needs of the family; she also comes back usually one or two weeknights to help with evening routine. Rosemary has a knack for making situations that could be embarrassing go smoothly and she is always respectful of his dignity. There are struggles related to communication challenges and his physical limitations. Rosemary supports his unique capacities and enables him to be as independent as possible with regard and respect to-

Natalie Paul

In May of 2015 Natalie was scheduled to go to a Broadway (Wicked) play and dinner that was provided by Wish for a Lifetime. Natalie took the initiative to purchase a shirt and tie for him so that he would like nice. Natalie delivered the shirt and tie to him on the day of the play. While there, she discovered that the support staff that was assigned to escort him could no longer go. Natalie stepped in and escorted the individual to both the play and to Maria Pia, an Italian restaurant. LP had a great time at the play and the restaurant. During the play, the individual was nervous as he is afraid of escalators and heights. To address the individual’s fear, Natalie assured him that they could take the elevator (which they did) calming the individual down. The individual then Natalie provided emotional support and advocated for a seat change. They were accommodated and seated at the main level providing the individual with relief. The individual had a great time.

January 2016 EOM Nominees:

Joy Sackey          Nicole Arce
Bamidele Ayilola  Petra Doldron
Jennifer Jackson   Adriane Riddick
Erica Simes        Rosemarie Miller