



# Herkimer ARC

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## Bruce Honored as an Outstanding Worker at the Herkimer ARC

Herkimer Industries, the vocational division of the Herkimer ARC, hosted an award ceremony for Mary Bruce, who was chosen as a 2014 "Outstanding Performer" by the New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (NYSID), during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.

NYSID's annual program recognizes exceptional vocational and personal successes on preferred source jobs. NYSID works to turn business opportunities into jobs for New Yorkers with disabilities.

At the reception, Bruce shared a celebratory cake with her coworkers and friends, and she was awarded a \$500 NYSID check.

"Mary's outstanding attitude and quality of work made her the overwhelming choice," said Herkimer Industries Manufacturing Manager Ed Jackson. "She was selected by the floor supervisors who work with her daily. Mary is our 'go to' person when it comes to various subcontracting jobs. There really is not a project that we cannot place in front of Mary, from cutting wires for LED signage, to folding and inspecting uniforms for various state police agencies, to assembling and labeling hard hats. She is our own utility infielder, who we can put in any place and expect a job well done."

Herkimer ARC Vice President of Operations Michael Lamb, said "This year's theme for employment awareness month was 'Expect. Employ. Empower.'" Companies who partner with us with subcontracting projects expect quality work and services. In supporting work, we in turn employ people who are enthusiastic and who bring many talents to the workplace. In the end, jobs empower individuals with disabilities to live enriched lives both at home and in their communities."

Bruce commented she likes her job because "it allows me to be a productive member of my community. I never thought that I could perform such a wide variety of jobs with my physical limitations due to spinal issues. I become more confident when I try new things. Herkimer Industries helps accommodate my physical limitations and my job now gives me a great sense of accomplishment," Bruce said.

The Herkimer ARC's mission is to enable each person to achieve full potential and to live an enriched life. For more information regarding employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, contact Career Connections at (315) 574-7883. For more information regarding partnering with Herkimer Industries, call (315) 574-7517 or visit [herkimerindustries.com](http://herkimerindustries.com). ###



*Mary Bruce, right, was honored by Herkimer Industries and NYSID as an "Outstanding Performer." Herkimer ARC Vice President of Industrial Operations Michael Lamb congratulates Bruce for her great attitude and quality work.*