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Prestigious Peer Provider Award Goes to PRIDE Inc.

Nominated by peers for significant human services contributions

Taunton, MA (November 7, 2016) — PRIDE, Inc. was one of four organizations honored with the *Peer Provider Award* during the Provider's Council's 41st Annual Convention and Expo at the Copley Place Hotel in Boston on October 24, 2016. Nominations for this award are given by fellow Providers' Council members and colleagues in recognition of the significant contributions made to their communities and/or the human services sector in the last year.

PRIDE was nominated by *Bristol Elder Services*, in recognition of a partnership with *Bristol Elder Services* and *Meals on Wheels*, to become the primary meal distribution site for the greater Taunton area. This partnership has created jobs for consumers and contributed significantly to elder services in the Bristol County community. *Meals on Wheels* provides pre-made meals delivered to seniors for little or no cost. Since the grand opening of the distribution site in May of this year, PRIDE's constituents have packaged over 1000 meals and made deliveries to hundreds of homes in the greater Taunton area.

PRIDE Executive Director, Joanne Storrs received the award during a ceremony with 1,000 peers, supporters, friends and guests—the largest convening of human service professionals in the Northeast. Hosting the event was Shayna Semour, Emmy award winning reporter, producer and occasional anchor for WCVB's *Chronicle* nightly news magazine. Other recipients of the award this year include *Mothers for Justice and Equality*, *American Training Inc.*, and *Sunshine Village*.

PRIDE, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing quality vocational, social, and alternate residential programs for individuals with cognitive, developmental and/or intellectual disabilities in southeast Massachusetts. Dedicated to improving the quality of people's lives, PRIDE's philosophy is that everyone who wants to work can work and be able to live in the most independent situation of their choice. PRIDE serves more than 350 individuals in the greater Taunton area.

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