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Congratulations Laurie! 25 Years of Dedicated Service To People With Disabilities

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Congratulations to Laurie who recently celebrated her 25th Anniversary as the Executive Director of MARC, Inc. of Manchester.

Laurie is a caring person who treats every individual supported by MARC as a member of her extended family. Everyday she goes out of her way to ensure people with disabilities are given the opportunity for their dreams to come true. Her never ending support and business savvy sense have given people with disabilities the opportunity to live, work and enjoy their community.

Under Laurie's leadership and guidance, MARC has shown enormous growth, providing community based employment, recreation, retirement, residential, respite and advocacy services to people with disabilities and their families.

Laurie is a leader that works side by side with her staff providing a team atmosphere that encourages the development of mutual respect. She believes in the staff and they believe in her. This relationship gives her a phenomenal ability to attract, motivate and hire the best staff to provide high quality services to the people supported by MARC.

The services, developed by Laurie in partnership with staff and the community over the past twenty-five years, have been recognized as models across the country and world. People and agencies as far away as the



Netherlands have adopted MARC's service models.

Laurie is a remarkable and energetic individual with a heart of gold. She is highly regarded among her peers in the human service field. In addition, she has used her expertise to serve the community in numerous roles including chairperson of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Manchester Commission for People with Disabilities.

Congratulations to Laurie for twenty-five years of dedicated service to people with disabilities. She, along with her husband Walt (MARC's #1 Volunteer), are a truly dynamic duo who are champions for improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.



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Laurie Prytko Equals Drive, Determination, Courage & Heart



Chamber honors Prytko for her work with disabled



Prytko succeeds Stein



Manchester Agency Notes 50 Years Of Meeting Needs Of The Disabled

Laurie Prytko to receive B'nai B'rith award



Seven students graduate from innovative program



MARC thrift shop to open on Aug. 24



Roommates cherish independence



MARC Inc. Moves To Its New Home

MARC director gets state award



MARC Executive Director Takes Over Helm Of Chamber



Job program applies 'Prytko model'



Venture Between MARC, Gerber Leads To Recognition



Celebrating a Special Anniversary

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*Congratulations Laurie!!!
25 years of Dedicated Service as the
Executive Director of MARC, Inc.*

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