## Achievement in the Workplace Award Nomination

## **Award Description:**

The Achievement in the Workplace Award will be presented to a person who receives services from an InterHab member and who has made significant accomplishments in his or her workplace. (e.g. community job, workshop job and/or volunteer job)

**NOMINEE: Tony Stehlik** 

**ORGANIZATION: COF Training Services, Inc. (works at White's Food Liner)** 

Include a narrative including answers to the following questions. You may also attach a maximum of three letters of support. Additional information may be attached if necessary.

- What is this person's job?
- What path did this person take to arrive at the job he or she currently has?
- What is this person's significant accomplishments in his or her workplace?
- What supports did this person have in accomplishing his or her goals?
- Are there other workplace goals this person is working on reaching?
- Provide a biographical sketch of this person.
- Additional information.

## **NOMINATION NARRATIVE:**

Tony Stehlik is a beacon of positivity and dedication. With his ever-present smile, love for his Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, and signature fancy suspenders and ball cap, Tony's spirit is contagious. He proudly supports his teams and represents his company with pride, always donning his employee shirts and meticulously maintaining his work equipment.

Tony's employment journey began with COF Training Services, Inc., where he honed his skills and demonstrated his unwavering dependability, trustworthiness, and hard work. Through these qualities, Tony earned his place in the community and was hired at Jerry's Thriftway over two decades ago. 20+ years later, his work ethic and commitment to his job are as strong today as ever. Tony is always willing to do what needs done and displays patience and resilience when there are changes to his duties and schedule. Some examples of this resilience include work schedule changes during COVID as well as transitions that occurred when Jerry's Thriftway was purchase and transformed into White's Food Liner. Throughout these decades, Tony has and continues to excel in his janitorial duties and eagerly assists in stocking shelves.

Tony's success is also a testament to his supportive job coaches who fostered his independence, praised his reliability, and encouraged his willingness to embrace new challenges. Their

guidance and hands-on support have been instrumental in enhancing Tony's independence in the workforce.

Today, Tony thrives at White's Food Liner, relishing his tasks and the camaraderie with his community members and colleagues. His story is a powerful reminder of the incredible achievements that come from dedication, support, and a positive spirit.

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I have reviewed and agreed to the criteria for filming the awards video.

I have obtained approval for this nomination from the submitting agency's Executive Director.

Send this form via email to <a href="mshreve@interhab.org">mshreve@interhab.org</a>

The deadline to submit award nominations is June 7!