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Individuals with Disabilities Return to Work at Siemens Healthineers Through Lifeworks Employment Program

Six People Employed at Manufacturing Site in Walpole Following Pandemic Pause

WESTWOOD, Mass. (June 15, 2022) – [Lifeworks](#), a nonprofit human services provider that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, today announced the return of its employment collaboration with Siemens Healthineers, a global medical technology company, after a hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Siemens Healthineers research and manufacturing facility in Walpole has provided employment opportunities since 2015 to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Lifeworks Employment Services. The employment program was paused in March 2020 with the onset of the pandemic, but recently resumed. The company employs six people who assist with the assembly of hundreds of containers for medical diagnostic equipment that are shipped worldwide.

“After a two-year hiatus, we are excited to have Lifeworks participants return to work at Siemens Healthineers, a strong partner to our program that develops and maintains community-based employment initiatives that support individuals with disabilities,” said Daniel Burke, President and CEO of Lifeworks. “The individuals employed by Siemens Healthineers have found meaningful, sustained employment in a welcoming environment. It is a shining example of how local workforce initiatives and employer partnerships can make a difference in communities.”

“We are grateful to have individuals from Lifeworks back on site, as they fill a critical role in supporting our packaging and shipping operations,” said James Driscoll, Director of Manufacturing for Laboratory Diagnostics at Siemens Healthineers. “Their energy and teamwork are positive contributions to our company and our operations.”

Lifeworks partners with a wide range of businesses across Greater Boston, including food service companies, banks, health care facilities, retail stores and supermarkets, manufacturers, and colleges and universities. Lifeworks provides job training and placement services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. For employers, the program provides skills assessments, candidate recruiting and referrals, new employee orientation and

training, and ongoing job supervision and quality control. The job retention rate is more than 85%, which is higher than typical workforce retention.

The goal of Lifeworks Employment Services is to provide local businesses with reliable, competent, efficient, cost-effective workers, while offering individuals with disabilities opportunities to enrich their lives with meaningful work.

For more information about Lifeworks Employment Services, call 781-769-3298.

About Lifeworks

Since 1954, Lifeworks and its predecessors, Lifeworks, Inc. and The Arc of South Norfolk, have served the towns of Norfolk County and beyond by providing support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through advocacy, empowerment and opportunity. The Westwood-based nonprofit organization serves more than 2,300 individuals from communities in the Greater Boston, MetroWest, Norfolk County and Attleboro areas through a wide variety of services and programs, including: employment services; residential, family and community supports; and day programs. For more information, visit www.lifeworksarc.org.

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