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TRIANGLE, INC. TO RECEIVE A COMCAST NBC UNIVERSAL FOUNDATION 2023 LOCAL IMPACT GRANT

Malden, MA - Triangle, Inc., an organization serving people with disabilities and their families, recently received a Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation's 2023 Local Impact Grant for the Greater Boston Market. This grant will support Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC), an affiliate program at Triangle, Inc., to empower young leaders with disabilities throughout their EPIC Journeys.

The Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation is granting nearly \$2.5 million this year to several non-profits that are strengthening their local communities throughout the country. By winning this grant, Triangle will receive \$15,000.00 to support EPIC's flagship program, EPIC Service Warriors. This program gives young leaders with disabilities the skills they need to reach their goals of gainful employment, higher education, independent living, and to be active citizens in the community.

The EPIC Service Warrior Program is the only service-learning program in New England that works exclusively with youth with disabilities. Upon graduation from this program each Service Warrior will have completed over 110 hours of community service, have their resume updated, will be registered or pre-registered to vote, and will have received training that focuses on employment, independent living, and leadership training as they transition into adulthood.

The Service Warrior Program has allowed EPIC to see personal growth in the youth participants throughout each service year. Every individual has their own goals, and this program allows them to achieve such goals. 92% of EPIC's post-secondary school Warriors and Alumni are

gainfully employed or enrolled in higher education, 50% of Service Warriors that are in post-secondary school have moved into their own apartment, 100% of eligible youth are registered to vote, and of that group, 85% voted in the last election. The Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation's 2023 Local Impact grant will be crucial for their future success, growth, and development.

ABOUT TRIANGLE, INC.

Triangle is a 50-year-old disability services agency that reaches 3,000 people every year in North Shore, Metro North, Greater Boston, South Shore, and Worcester communities. We offer a variety of services to the disability community, including residential services, supported employment and community-based day services, workforce development programs, and empowerment programs that promote self-advocacy, personal safety, and community engagement. Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC) is a proud Triangle affiliate. Learn more at triangle-inc.org

ABOUT EPIC

Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC) prepares young people with disabilities to be actively engaged community leaders while eliminating ableism to equip the world for today's disabled leaders. EPIC offers multiple services and programs that include, EPIC Service Warriors, EPIC Training and Consulting, as well as other youth trainings designed to support teens and young adults with disabilities to learn more about the topics of leadership, disabilities, self-advocacy, ableism, and goal setting.

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