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## **Road To Responsibility's Wolf Pierre Selected as Recipient of the Urban Youth Collaborative Program Current Service Award**

MARSHFIELD , BROCKTON, and BOSTON, MA, ISSUED AUGUST 22, 2019...Wolf Pierre, current Peer Leader of the Urban Youth Program and intern with Road To Responsibility (RTR; <http://roadtoresponsibility.org>), one of the region's largest and most successful non-profit organizations, was recently selected as one of two recipients of the Urban Youth Collaborative Program (UYCP) Current Service Award, which was presented at a celebration held at the Massachusetts State House on August 9.

The UYCP, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, introduces young adults to the field of human services, helps build an experienced workforce for the future, and supports efforts to reduce the stigma associated with developmental disabilities. The Department of Developmental Services manages Urban Youth Collaborative Program internship programs across the state. This is the second year in a row that an RTR staff member was honored with this award.

Pierre, who lives in Brockton, has served as an intern through the UYCP with Road To Responsibility for the past three years, and this year was named Peer Leader. Given his experience, dedication, and commitment, he was assigned the task of training new UYCP interns at the Braintree location. In his nomination, he was noted for his ability to build rapport with the individuals he supports as well as his co-workers, using gentle humor and compassion to forge lasting relationships.

"Wolf is very deserving of this award, and we extend our most sincere congratulations to him," said Christopher White, Ed.D., CEO of Road To Responsibility. "He is an inspiration to his peers and to the individuals he supports, and RTR is so grateful that we have benefited from his service over the past three years. We wish him the best in his future ventures!"

### **About Road To Responsibility, Inc.**

Celebrating over 30 years of making lives better, Road To Responsibility, Inc. (RTR) was established in 1988 with the overarching belief that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserve to have full, rich, and rewarding lives in the community, and therefore works to provide the means, the opportunity, and the support necessary to allow citizens with disabilities to take their place as productive members of the community. RTR offers residential, work/employment, day habilitation and other day supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. RTR supports individuals with very diverse needs, including those with significant challenges who would otherwise go unserved if not for RTR. It succeeds where other organizations often fail, through the use of an integrated clinical behavioral approach. This model has proven successful and yielded positive results for the organization and the individuals served.

Road To Responsibility offers services to almost all the towns and communities throughout the South Shore and South Coast of Massachusetts, operates 48 residences as well as co-operative and supportive living apartments, and manages nine day-service locations that focus on education, employment, and

community enrichment. Road To Responsibility's main office is located at 1831 Ocean Street, Marshfield, MA. For more information, please visit [www.roadtoresponsibility.org](http://www.roadtoresponsibility.org).

*Photo, left to right: Kathy Bracchi, Wolf Pierre, and Chris White, all of Road To Responsibility; Catherine Mick, Undersecretary Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and Jane Ryder, Commissioner of DDS.*