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**ICS's Marilyn Saviola Receives 2015 Henry Viscardi Achievement Award
*Joins awardees from the United States, Canada and Kenya***

December 10, 2015 –The Viscardi Center, a network of non-profit organizations providing a lifespan of services that educate, employ and empower people with disabilities, announced nine 2015 Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards recipients at an event in New York City. The international Awards recognize exemplary leaders within the disability community and their extraordinary societal contributions, while remembering the spirit and legacy of the Center's founder, Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr., who himself wore prosthetic legs. As one of the world's leading advocates for people with disabilities, Dr. Viscardi served as a disability advisor to eight U.S. Presidents, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Jimmy Carter.

Marilyn Saviola, Independence Care System's (ICS) Senior Vice President for Advocacy, is among those honored this year. Ms. Saviola was chosen in recognition of her 40-year history of fighting to improve the lives of people with disabilities in New York City, particularly by advocating for the rights of people with physical disabilities to live at home, in the community, as independently as possible. Most recently, she created the ICS Women's Health Access Program, resulting in women with physical disabilities receiving hundreds of breast cancer screenings and gynecological examinations, some for the first time ever.

In addition to Ms. Saviola, the 2015 Award Recipients include:

- Jim Gibbons - President & CEO, Goodwill Industries International
- Mark Johnson – Chair of The ADA Legacy Project and Director of Advocacy at Shepherd Center
- David Krupa - CEO, The Range of Motion Project and Certified Prosthetist
- Ed Lucas - Founder, The Ed Lucas Foundation; Sports Journalist
- Lonnie C. Moore - Program Analyst, Career and Education Readiness Branch, U.S Army Warrior Transition Command
- Winfred G. Mugure - University of Nairobi
- Toby Olson - Executive Secretary State of Washington; Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
- Mark Wafer – President, Megleen, operating as Tim Hortons

“Every day people with disabilities are leaving their mark in communities all over the world, and their work often transcends the geographical boundaries of where they live,” said John D. Kemp, President and CEO of The Viscardi Center. “This year's Award recipients are a dedicated, diverse and trend-setting group that reminds us all that our work can be far-reaching and does make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.”

The award Selection Committee was co-chaired by former U.S. Senator, Robert Dole, and Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief, Disability Section – Program Division, UNICEF (*2013 Henry Viscardi Achievement Award recipient*). The Committee also included Rohini Anand, Senior Vice President and Global Chief Diversity Officer, Sodexo; Cari Dominguez, Former Chair, U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Ricardo García, former Global Business Development Manager, ILUNION Technology & Accessibility; Sherwood D. Goldberg, Esq. (Col. Ret), Senior Advisor for Asian Affairs, Center for Naval Analysis; James Sinocchi; Susan Sygall, CEO, Mobility International USA (*2014 Henry Viscardi Achievement Award recipient*); and Frances W. West, Chief Accessibility Officer, IBM Corporation.

For more information about the Awards, visit viscardicenter.org

About The Viscardi Center: Founded by Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr., who served as disability advisor to eight U.S. Presidents and became one of the world's leading advocates, The Viscardi Center educates, employs and empowers people with disabilities. It provides Pre-K through High School education (age 3 to 21), school-to-work youth transition services, vocational training, career counseling and employment placement, assistive technology, and adapted driver education to children, adolescents and adults with a wide variety of disabilities. The Viscardi Center also assists businesses in diversifying their workforces and developing and advancing disability inclusive cultures in their workplaces. Learn more at viscardicenter.org

About Independence Care System: Independence Care System (ICS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting adults with physical disabilities and chronic conditions to live at home and participate fully in community life. We provide managed long-term care services, as well as a number of specialized services, to residents of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. The ICS Women's Health Access Program works to increase the availability of health services for women who have physical disabilities, in collaboration with New York City medical facilities. We believe that all medical facilities should be able to provide the best possible care to people with disabilities, as they need and are legally entitled to under the Americans with Disabilities Act and numerous state and local laws.

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