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2019 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR AWARD – NORTHERN VIRGINIA INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES (NVIDD)

We would like to recognize all of Northern Virginia Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services (NVIDD) Program's Employees of the Month from the year 2019: **Albert Osei, Tarsha Lyons, Marlena Coates, Philomena Ansong, Benedicta Adjei, Lucy Vovubu, and Abubakkar Sesay**. Thank you all for your hard work in making a great life for our individuals and helping them to achieve their goals and outcomes.

In voting for the employee of the year we had a tie vote for two individuals who were recognized by their peers and their supervisors in their consistency to go above and beyond as they care for our individuals.

First to be recognized is **Marlena Coates**. She was not only recognized by her peers and her supervisor but actually received a written letter from a community member who was struck by how well she cared for one of our individuals. That is a representation of the customer service that we are all striving to provide!



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Second to be recognized is **Abubakkar Sesay**. Abu has been working with the guys at Oakhurst and has always been a model of consistency in giving high quality care and services to the guys living in the home. He is always willing to pick up shifts and will pick up any tasks that need to be done regardless of whether they are his "regular" duties or not.

We also recognize two supervisors of NVIDD. The supervisors recognized are **Kelly Betts** and **Valerie Curtis**. Both Kelly and Valerie have gone out of their way to assist in supporting other programs outside of their own. **Valerie** has spent hours filling the schedule and even covering shifts at the apartments as well as supported the staff in signing up for Paycom and various other activities in the midst of changing management. **Kelly** has also helped cover shifts as well as put in a lot of time to organize staff appreciation efforts and even organized a lot of the Christmas party. She was also recognized by one of her staff for her responsiveness to phone calls and her continual willingness to support.

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Other supervisors who were recognized in 2019 were **Idi Destine** and **Edna Brown**. Both also received votes for Supervisor of the Year and would have been deserving of the honor as well as they both have worked a lot of extra hours making sure our supports and services are excellent.