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NJBIZ Announces Winners for New Jersey's Forty Under 40
John Koufos, New Jersey Reentry Corporation, Recognized

John Koufos, Executive Director, New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC), has been named a winner in the 2016 NJBIZ Forty Under 40 awards program. The award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premier business news publication, is sponsored by Stark & Stark, and Brother International Corporation.

Koufos directs the New Jersey Reentry Corporation, which is a non-profit organization committed to providing critically needed services to court involved individuals to empower them to achieve healthy self-sufficiency, thereby reducing recidivism and fostering safer communities. Working with private employers and public agencies, the NJRC strives to maximize the training and employment of this discrete population.

"John has provided clear, strong leadership in providing for critically needed services for those returning from incarceration. His award speaks to the importance of reentry and the need to work collaboratively with the business community to design training and employment programs, which will support our clients to identify and maintain solid work opportunities," said Jim McGreevey, chairman, NJRC.

With a statewide network of reentry sites in Hudson, Essex, Passaic, and Ocean Counties, the NJRC aims to provide seven critical services to clients: 1) Addiction treatment, 2) Sober transitional housing, 3) Training and employment, 4) Medicaid registration and linkage to healthcare through federally qualified healthcare centers and hospitals, 5) Motor Vehicle Commission identification, 6) Legal services working through the New Jersey State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, and 7) Mentoring working with faith-based and professional associations.

The Forty Under 40 awards program honors men and women under the age of 40 who have been making headlines in their field and who share a commitment to business growth, professional excellence and the community. To qualify, a nominee had to meet selection criteria that included working in New Jersey, possessing significant authority for decision making within a company or organization and being the age of 39 years old or younger on September 26, 2016.

The winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges including:
Mary Ellen Caro, Thomas Edison State College, John Borgese, Seton Hall University,
Victoria M. Bixel, Semple Bixel Associates, Inc., Carol Kenner, The College of New Jersey, and
finally Brian Rothschild, Stevens Institute of Technology.

NJBIZ and the program sponsors will honor this year's winners during an awards reception and ceremony on Monday, September 26, 2016 at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, NJ. The honorees will also be highlighted in a special supplement to NJBIZ on October 3, 2016.

For more information about the 2016 Forty Under 40 awards program, please visit www.njbiz.com/events or contact Anna Acquaviva at annaa@njbiz.com or call (732) 246-5713.

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