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arc Thrift Stores Announces Employees of the Year

Denver, CO – arc Thrift Stores has named three employees as “employee of the year.” All are outstanding job performers. They are: **Juan Grado**, who works in the telemarketing center in Denver. Juan’s motto is “don’t worry, be happy,” and his inspiration and infectious smile is what led to his selection; **David Eaton**, who works in the community relations department in Denver. David is a sincere, compelling and inspiring public speaker who shines with contagious enthusiasm; and **Mickey Mesa**, who works in the Pueblo store. Mickey constantly says that he loves his job and is continually happy even when he says “whatever,” while he works diligently whenever and wherever he is needed. Lloyd Lewis, President/CEO of arc Thrift Stores said that as a parent of a little boy with Down Syndrome, it gave him great joy to see these employees, all of whom have developmental disabilities, to excel at their work and to be cherished by their fellow workers. Last year’s employees of the year will continue to hold the title “employee of the year” in a new tradition of once an employee of the year at arc Thrift Stores, always an employee of the year.

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About arc Thrift Stores

Through high standards and a commitment to excellence and integrity, the mission of arc Thrift Stores (www.arcthrift.com) is to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by providing funding to support the ARC and ACL programs of Colorado. Developmental disabilities include Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and all other forms of developmental disabilities. There are 11 ARC and ACL chapters in Colorado which provide advocacy and services for person with developmental disabilities. arc Thrift, with an annual budget of \$40 million and more than 700 employees, has generated more than \$10 million in proceeds during the last five years.