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Jeff Broz Named Clovernook Center's Employee of the Year and NIB Advocate

June 20, 2017 – Cincinnati, OH- Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is pleased to announce Jeff Broz, Utility Worker as Clovernook's 2017 Blind Employee of the Year and the organization's first National Industries for the Blind (NIB) Advocate.

As part of this honor, Broz will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. hosted by NIB, the nation's largest employment resource for people who are blind. While in D.C., Broz will begin his training in the Advocate for Leadership and Employment program along with ten other employees from NIB agencies across the nation. As an Advocate, he will receive training on effective communications, advocacy strategies and grassroots initiatives. Broz, along with Clovernook staff, will get the chance to visit with Senators and State Representatives on Capitol Hill to discuss important legislation affecting employment for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Clovernook President and CEO, Christopher Faust said, "From his first day of employment, he became instantly invested in Clovernook's mission. His friendly demeanor, willingness to help, and dedication to his job, made him an easy selection for this year's Blind Employee of the Year."

Broz has made tremendous strides throughout his career, both before and during his employment with Clovernook Center. Before losing some of his sight and hearing to Usher Syndrome, he worked for the U.S. Air Force and even helped rebuild the Statue of Liberty.

About Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Since 1903, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been providing life-enriching opportunities and empowering people who are blind or

visually impaired to be self-sufficient and full participants in their communities. Program Services annually assists more than 1,200 individuals, helping them to adapt and overcome the challenges of vision impairment. Employment Services provides job opportunities and coaching for consumers who want to work in their local community, or in Clovernook Center's own Social Enterprises which provide a variety of employment opportunities for more than 55 people with vision loss. Clovernook's Arts and Recreation department provides a powerful outlet for individuals to express themselves artistically, share personal insights, and join together with others who face similar challenges. Youth Services include six-weeks of summer day camps. As well as year-round activities for youth ages 4 to 22 who are blind or visually impaired. Additionally, our Braille Printing House prints books, magazines and other materials for the National Library Services and braille patrons worldwide. More information can be accessed at www.clovernook.org.

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