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BRISTOL — Two area organizations came together Friday in an atmosphere reflective of the Christmas

Favarh, The Arc of the Farmington Valley, presented

Rowley Spring and Stamping with its prestigious "Employer Award" for the company's support of Favarh'

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Favarh award

Gail Nebel, facility senior coordinator for Favarh, presents an award to Rowley Spring President John Dellalana and Department Manager Barbara Tomcak at Rowley Spring in Bristol

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Since 2013, Rowley Spring has partnered with Favarh by employing a hard-working crew of four Favarh clients accompanied by a job coach. Responsibilities include assembly and packaging of components used in the electrical applications in Rowley's power press assembly department.

In addition, the Favarh team has performed sorting and assembly in the spring and four slide departments working on products for appliance, aerospace, automotive and medical applications.

"The Favarh team's contribution is an important part of the Rowley team and family," said Department Manager Barbara Tomcak. "Their team is not only hard working and dedicated, but they bring to our team an infectious blend of optimism, positivity and can-do attitude."

Rowley Spring and Stamping Corp., founded in 1954 by Stan Bitel, is today is a world-class, ISO 9001:2008 certified manufacturer of precision springs, metal stampings and small assemblies used in applications worldwide. Rowley President John Dellalana says the company was built on a foundation of teamwork, lean manufacturing, quality and service. It takes pride in providing innovative solutions for its customers' most difficult applications.

Favarh is a local chapter of the Arc, the world's largest community-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization offers programs and services to more than 350 children, adults, seniors and families throughout the Greater Hartford area. Favarh's mission is to help each person achieve his or her personal best.

"Our clients want to be more independent, and for many that means having a job where they can earn money," said Chris Edge, Favarh's business and job developer, "I wish there were more employers like Rowley Spring and Stamping willing to give us a try. If there were, they too would discover that employing Favarh clients is not just good will — it's good business.

Dellalana noted that the Favarh crew has been supporting Rowley and its customers for almost two years. "Their passion and enthusiasm inspire us all, and we're truly lucky to have them as part of our family," he said.

"Words cannot express my appreciation to John and his leadership team," said Edge. "Through Rowley's assistance and support, we now have partnerships with TRUMPF in Farmington and Legrand/Wiremold in West Hartford."

When asked about her assembly job at Rowley, Favarh team member Heather Baltronis said, "It's going very well. I like all the people and am very happy with my job and happy to be here."

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