

# Victor employee receives prestigious Albert E. Trieschman Award

## Charity Silva from Victor received the 2011 Albert E. Trieschman Award at the American Association for Children's Residential Centers (AACRC) Annual Conference

Chico, CA (April 11, 2011) – Every year the Albert E. Trieschman Award is presented to just one individual in the United States who stands out among a long list of nominees for their dedication to children in a residential care program. This year Victor is proud to announce that this honor went to Charity Silva, a 15 year employee of Victor. She was presented with the award on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual AACRC Conference. Charity has worked for Victor Treatment Center, Redding as a Nocturnal Shift Residential Counselor. She has worked in this same role for all of her years at Victor, typically beginning at 11pm and ending most days after 9am. Because of her knowledge of every aspect of the job, and the depth of her care for the youth and her coworkers, Charity is the one everyone goes to for assistance and ideas to help them be more successful.

Across the Victor agency, youth identify Charity as someone who genuinely cares about them and has their best interest at heart. She is there, day after day, night after night, making a difference in the lives of youth who often do not believe anyone cares. A clinician in the program, Stacy DeMar, noted that "Charity is warm in nature but she also maintains firm boundaries and limits with youth. This is crucial for our youth as they need not only to feel loved and cared about, but also safe." Robin Bowman, Executive Director of VTC Redding noted that "It is a rarity that Charity requires assistance from others to manage the behavior of the youth she is supervising at the time. Where others struggle to develop relationships with youth, Charity does not." These and many other comments show that clearly, Charity has an ability to connect with youth in a way that draws both their respect and their affection as she develops relationships that give them hope for their future.

Those who work alongside Charity describe her as a person who "lives her name." Her coworkers almost always refer to her as a friend and not just a colleague because of the way that she cares for each one of them individually. One coworker describes her as "...the definition of truly amazing. She is tireless. She greets every day and everyone with a smile that melts even the coldest of moods. Every person, youth or adult, walks away from an interaction with her better off than when they started." As if her caring nature weren't enough, her consistency in being there for the youth can be seen above and beyond when you discover that while it is hard to conceive, Charity has not taken a sick day in over nine years!

The Victor organization as a whole is proud of Charity and the contribution that she has made and will continue to make in her work with youth. She is a testimony to the impact that one life lived in a consistent and caring way can have on many young lives.

### **About Victor**

Victor is a company that helps troubled kids and families integrate and become successful members of society. They step in and provide programs and support to help them be successful, offering hope by giving tangible solutions for helping these kids succeed and integrate into society in ways they and their families never thought possible. For more information please visit online at [www.victor.org](http://www.victor.org).

### **About the Albert E. Trieschmann Award**

Albert Trieschman is considered by the residential care community to be a man who set the standard and created a model for residential care that colleagues around the country continue to refer to long after his passing in 1973. The Albert E. Trieschmann Award is presented by the American Association for Children's Residential Centers (AACRC) each year to a person whose dedication and commitment encompass the spirit of the man for whom the award was named. It is given to someone who both commemorates and carries on his dedication to the

development and enhancement of the role of the hands-on child care worker in the residential treatment of children.

**About the AACRC**

The American Association of Children's Residential Centers believes that children and adolescents, and their families, are entitled to treatment which offers the maximum opportunity for transformation. The AACRC brings professionals together to advance the frontiers of knowledge pertaining to the spectrum of therapeutic living environments for children and adolescents with behavioral health disorders. For more information on becoming a member or partner, visit us online [www.aarcrc.org](http://www.aarcrc.org).

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