

Living, Learning and Working at Burchfield Penney Art Center

The [Burchfield Penney Art Center](#), in partnership with One Accord Cleaning Services, were recently honored by Southeast Works for exemplary practices in hiring, training and supporting people with disabilities.

[Southeast Works](#) provides support throughout Western New York to help people with developmental disabilities lead productive, independent, and fulfilling lives. Southeast Works annually acknowledges community partnerships that result in work.



Sherman W. Washington (left) presents Victor Bartello with the Southeast Works Employee of The Year Award.

"So many people at the Burchfield Penney reach out to my staff on-site to let them know they're are doing a great job. Working together on this journey we've maintained a high standard of service infused with relationships, encouragement and training to support those with disabilities in reaching their goals," said Sherman W. Washington, One Accord sales/operations manager, honored as Business Partner of the Year. "Our investment of time, effort and patience have resulted in sustainable outcomes."

"This was our first opportunity to work with an independent contractor and the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) to develop a program," said William Menshon, Burchfield Penney facilities manager. "The One Accord staff provides first-rate service and the exchange has added a valuable dimension to our workforce. Most of them have overcome tremendous obstacles to become employed. We're honored to be a part of their inspiring stories."