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Programs for Exceptional People (PEP) Recipient of Angel Award by SC Secretary of State

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond recognized Programs for Exceptional People (PEP) as one of 10 organizations that have demonstrated good stewardship of charitable resources in South Carolina. Over 91% of donations received by PEP go directly toward the mission of *promoting independence, social interaction, and employment opportunities for adults who live with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities.*

The Angels were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State's Office, as well as by nominations from the public. To be selected as an Angel, the charity must have devoted 80% or more of its total expenditures to charitable programs; must have been in existence for three or more years; must make good use of volunteer services; must receive minimal funding from grants; must have a significant presence in South Carolina; and must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. Each year the Secretary of State's Office attempts to showcase Angels with diverse missions from several areas around the state.

"Charities do so much for our communities, and I am proud to recognize these wonderful organizations that have made a difference in the lives of so many South Carolinians," said Secretary Hammond.

PEP Board President, Ron Angner, who attended the award presentation, said "PEP is honored and delighted to receive this award in recognition of our services, but most of all we want to thank all our donors who have helped support our organization for 27 years."

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