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**L.E. PHILLIPS CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAS EMPLOYEE RETIRE
AFTER 55 YEARS OF SERVICE**

EAU CLAIRE, WI., July 23, 2018- The L.E. Phillips Career Development Center has provided services and employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities or disadvantages for 59 years and an employee, Norm Thorn, has worked at CDC for 55 of those years. After many years of experience, Norm retired in May. When interviewed, he shared a lot of history about the nonprofit. He said, “CDC was located at Menomonie Street, Gibson Street where it burned down, then South Dewey Street, before Presto Industries donated the current facility.”

Thorn’s first project was separating strings from YoYos. He also put labels on bottles and packaged Presto items and filters. He is going to “miss the comradery of everyone at CDC, but will visit often.” He loved spending time with coworkers and his favorite event was picnics in the park. He was very generous, and in 1962, Thorn donated money to the Statue of Liberty for it to be repaired.

To honor his service, on May 24, CDC held a retirement party for Thorn. His favorite food is steak and he constantly asked the CEO/ President of CDC, Gregg Mizerk, if everyone could have steak for lunch. To his excitement, CDC provided steak, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies and cake for lunch during his retirement party. He took pictures with everyone and as a special thanks, Thorn will receive CDC apparel and six free cookies every month for the next year.

CDC is very thankful for the 55 wonderful years of service Thorn provided for CDC. For more information about CDC, call 715-834-2771 or visit their website at www.lecdc.org.

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