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**LOCAL EMPLOYEE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL  
“Take Your Legislator to Work” Day**

IRON MOUNTAIN – Ken Bal, an employee at Tadych’s Econo Foods in Iron Mountain, has been selected by the Michigan Developmental Disability Council to give State Representative Ed McBroom and Senator Tom Casperson a rewarding experience they’ll never forget; the opportunity to go behind the scenes at Tadych’s Econo Foods and job shadow him. The Legislators will join Ken on the job August 22nd at 3:00pm at Tadych’s Econo Foods, 1600 S. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Tadych’s Econo Foods, working together with TRICO Opportunities, Inc. through the TRICO’s Supported Employment Program, hired Ken back in 1990. Ken initially worked with a job coach at Econo to help him learn his job duties, and has been competitively employed there since that time.

To celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities in employment, the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council is sponsoring “Take Your Legislator to Work” Day. Throughout the months of August-October, Legislators across the state will have the opportunity to job shadow a constituent with a disability at their place of employment. Legislators will also be able to tour their workplace, meet co-workers and with management, and hear why employment is vital in the life of their constituent. This event is intended to be close-up view of the value of community-integrated employment for employers as well as people with disabilities in Michigan.

Inspired by U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) National Disability Employment Awareness Month held in October of each year, the campaign highlights how people with disabilities strengthen the workforce, promote diversity, and increase talent in the workplace in a community-integrated setting. TRICO was pleased to nominate Ken to be recognized for his achievement in employment.

For more information about the “Take Your Legislator to Work” campaign or TRICO’s work to secure employment for persons with disabilities, please contact Pete Rossato at TRICO Opportunities, Inc. – (906) 774-5718.