

**CP of NYS Annual Award Recipient**

**DANIEL WIEDER LEADERSHIP AWARD**



**Dan Brown - Racker**

This award is presented to Dan Brown in recognition of his continued commitment to excellence and his outstanding dedication to the thousands of people with disabilities and their families that have benefited from his efforts. For the past 25 years Mr. Brown has been a successful leader at Racker as president of the board of directors, then associate executive director and for the past 5 years, executive director of the organization.

Mr. Brown has worked with CP of NYS and others across the state to advocate for funding to acknowledge the work of direct support professionals with a living wage. He is also working to ensure that New York's transition to a managed care system will not negatively impact the supports and services so critical to people with disabilities.

He is highly respected by the staff and participants at Racker and spends many hours connecting with them at the organization's facilities. On most Wednesday evenings he can be found having dinner at one of Racker's 26 residences enjoying the company of those who live there and observing the skill and passion of the staff.

Mr. Brown is a dedicated, knowledgeable and respected leader in the communities that Racker serves and across the state. He is passionate in his commitment to ensuring that people with disabilities, their families and those who support them have a chance to experiences Racker's vision of "A world where all people know they belong."