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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **OCCUPATIONS, INC. RECEIVES \$20,000 DONATION FROM KEYBANK FOUNDATION**

**MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. – July 10, 2009 –** Occupations, Inc., is the recipient of a generous gift of \$20,000 from the KeyBank Foundation. This gift will support Occupations' efforts to provide people with disabilities with marketable skills through productive jobs and wages that promote economic self sufficiency and diversity in the workplace through the New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc., (NYSID) program. Occupations, Inc., employs 48 people with disabilities through the NYSID program and helps them to acquire marketable skills through productive jobs and wages that promote self esteem and economic self-sufficiency. Funding from KeyBank for this program helps to ensure that all 48 people served through the NYSID program are employed.

"KeyBank is proud to be a long-time supporter of Occupations, Inc. in their ongoing service to the Community", commented Paul Calogerakis, senior vice president of KeyBank Corporate Banking.

For more than 45 years, the Occupations, Inc., System of Services, a not-for-profit agency, has provided outpatient mental health services, case management, child welfare, emergency services, residential services, and employment opportunities to people with developmental disabilities and individuals recovering from mental illness. Its affiliate, Family Empowerment Council, Inc, provides services to people with disabilities, including service coordination and case management, mental health family support, early intervention, educational advocacy, consumer-directed personal care, residential habilitation and respite services. New Dynamics Corporation, a not-for-profit sister corporation of Occupations, Inc., is a leader in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. All of Occupations, Inc.'s, services can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, through one toll-free call to the Service Access Center at 1-888-750-2266.

***(Photo attached – caption below)***

Paul Calogerakis (left), KeyBank's senior vice president of Key Bank Corporate Banking in Poughkeepsie, recently presented James B. DeStefano, president and chief executive officer of Occupations, Inc., with a check for \$20,000 in support of Occupations, Inc. efforts to employ people with disabilities.



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