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An Eagan organization that helps people with disabilities prepare for, find and maintain work and self-sufficiency has named its employers of the year, chosen for their efforts in employing disabled people.

The winners were T.J. Maxx in Eagan, Rapala of Eagan and Apothecary Products of Burnsville.

"Employers are at the heart of ProAct's mission," said ProAct President Steve Ditschler. "The work they provide is invaluable to ProAct's individuals, and we salute them." The winners were honored before a crowd of nearly 600 at the Prom Center in Oakdale.

T.J. Maxx in Eagan, winning recognition in the supported employment category, hosts ProAct job tryouts for multiple positions, including stocking, processing, fitting rooms, cashiering and building maintenance.

Rapala and its Eagan distribution center were selected in the community employment category. The distributor of fishing lures and other products employs ProAct individuals to work on packaging for products headed to 43 Wal-Mart

distribution centers.

Apothecary Products won in the business partner category. The pharmacy-supply company uses ProAct for a substantial amount of work on a regular basis.

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