



**Virginia Board for People  
with Disabilities**

**Acclamations from colleagues and friends for  
MAX AND GARTH LARCEN of MAX'S POSITIVE VIBE CAFÉ,  
winners of the 2005 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

"[Max and Garth Larcen] are a beacon of hope to all those who face the challenges of being disabled. Not only do I have employment ... [the Positive Vibe Café] has been an opportunity for my voice to be heard in more ways than one. It has also played a major role in my continuous productivity and independence in life. For the first time in my life, I am 'a part of' instead of 'apart from' my environment. I am more at peace and comfortable than I have been in 21 years. I attribute all of this to Max's Positive Vibe Café."

Chip Young  
an employee Max's Positive Vibe Café with Muscular Dystrophy

"The positive work environment of Max's Positive Vibe Café serves as a model for natural supports. It brings hope and an energized vibe to our community. Garth and Max Larcen are profoundly making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by connecting them for life."

Beth Conner, Transition Coordinator  
Chesterfield County Public Schools

"Through their imagination, determination and effort, Garth and Max ... have been an inspiration to others. I cannot imagine anyone else more deserving of this award."

Robert M. Stallworth, Jr., Parent of Hunter Stallworth,  
an employee of Max's Positive Vibe Café with Down Syndrome

"Garth and Max Larcen have worked tirelessly to establish the Get Lost MD Foundation and develop the Positive Vibe Café into a ... real opportunity for individuals with a variety of disabilities to obtain training and experience that can help them to secure gainful employment and become contributing members of the Richmond community."

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

"In the busy world we live in, it is hard to find people whose actions speak louder than their words ... [Garth and Max Larcen] have given their time, money, and dreams to helping others ... More important than the job training and employment opportunities is the sense of pride and self-worth brought out in so many people trained and coached by Garth and Max."

Warren and Carol Morrell,  
community supporters of Max's Positive Vibe Café

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