

# Southern Illinois Hometown Hero Award Goes To Challenge Unlimited

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ALTON - Today Alton-based Challenge Unlimited received the Southern Illinois Hometown Hero Award from Congressman Mike Bost, IL-12. The nonprofit organization was recognized for providing essential custodial service during the pandemic at Scott Air Force Base (SAFB), just east of Belleville IL.

“During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, our essential employees have been working on the front lines to help keep our communities safe and healthy,” says Bost. “Today, I’m honored to recognize Challenge Unlimited and their Scott Air Force Base Custodial Crew as Southern Illinois Hometown Heroes. Their hard work and dedication have helped ensure that Scott Air Force Base remains a safe workplace for those stationed there.”

Challenge Unlimited is the first and only nonprofit agency in the metro area which matches the temporary staffing needs of businesses with a talented workforce comprised of individuals with all disabilities, the disadvantaged and veterans. For sixty years the organization has been committed to serving individuals with disabilities, while serving as a trusted business partner to private businesses, federal and state government agencies to provide essential facility contracted services to include custodial, groundskeeping, contract packaging, mailroom and food services.

“We are extremely honored to receive this award from Congressman Bost,” says Charlotte Hammond, president and CEO of Challenge Unlimited. “We have partnered

with Scott Air Force Base for more than 30 years, and we are very proud of our very dedicated workforce for their perseverance throughout this pandemic.”

For 60 years, Challenge Unlimited has been committed to serving individuals with disabilities, while earning a reputation as a trusted business partner to private commercial companies and federal and state government agencies. For more information visit [www.CUInc.org](http://www.CUInc.org) or call 618.465.0044.

## **About Challenge Unlimited**

Headquartered in Alton, Illinois Challenge Unlimited, Inc., and its affiliate company Residential Options, Inc., is a multi-tiered organization. As an accredited Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) provider, Challenge Unlimited fulfills its mission through adult and youth programs, work skills training centers, employment services, and community-integrated living options. Promoting people to achieve their highest level of independence through opportunities.