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San Jose Cab Driver Named Best in America

Beloved cab driver is valuable resource for students with special needs

(ROCKVILLE, Maryland)—A cab driver from San Jose, California, who has spent the last 15 years dedicated to providing transportation for youth with special needs, is being honored as the 2016 Taxicab Driver of the Year by the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA).

With high praise from passengers and company executives, Enders Abdu of Yellow Checker Cab Co. in San Jose has been selected for the award, which annually honors the best taxicab driver.

“Being a taxicab driver is about being part of a community,” said TLPA CEO Alfred LaGasse. “And no one demonstrates that better than Enders. He shows the kind of impact a driver can have on people’s lives.”

Enders came to the U.S. from Ethiopia in 1998 and began working for Yellow Checker Cab Co. in 2001. In the 15 years since, he has maintained a perfect safety record and earned the gratitude of the many parents of children with special needs that he drives.

“He has made it a priority to transport students and adults with special needs, the elderly, and disabled passengers for the past 15 years,” said Stephanie Silva, an administrator with Yellow Cab. “Enders has been transporting the same students with special needs for the past four years because the parents keep requesting to have him as their driver. He deserves this award.”

Enders will accept his award in front of more than 1,000 industry professionals at the TLPA’s 98th Annual Convention & Trade show on Nov. 2 at the Hyatt Regency / Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

About TLPA: Established in 1917, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is a non-profit trade association of and for the private passenger transportation industry. Its extensive membership spans the globe to include 1,000 taxicab companies, executive sedan and limousine services, airport shuttle fleets, non-emergency medical transportation companies, paratransit services, and industry vendors. For more information, please visit www.tlpa.org.

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