

The Advocacy Center Community Awards

Information

Community Award recipients are role models who demonstrate a commitment to individuals with disabilities. We seek to honor those who make life better through their efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and those with disabilities whose lives serve as an example for others.

Award recipients are invited as guests to The Advocacy Center's annual fundraiser. Each recipient is introduced, recognized for his or her contributions and accomplishments, and is presented with an engraved award. Beginning with the 2012 awards, nominations will be accepted year-round.

Award Descriptions

Self Advocacy Award: An individual with a disability who leads the direction of his or her daily life through advocacy and personal choice

Barbara Bryson Award: A parent of an individual with a disability who has exhibited pioneering efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families

Founders Award in honor of Jeanne Krautwurst: A parent or family member of an individual with a disability who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his or her family member

Community Inclusion Award: An individual or group whose actions have led to the successful inclusion of individuals with disabilities and their families in their communities

Education Award: A devoted individual in the field of education who, through extraordinary efforts, has provided for the educational needs of students with disabilities

Student Award: A student (with or without a disability) whose efforts have made a positive impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities

Community Impact Award: A company or organization which promotes opportunities for individuals with disabilities

Nomination Instructions

To nominate someone for an award, **the following are required:** 1) a completed Nomination Form 2) a description not to exceed two type-written pages to accompany the form. Please consider the following topic areas and address the questions in your nomination description. **Each topic area is evaluated and scored by our committee.**

- 1. Duration:** How long has the nominee demonstrated sustained commitment on his or her own behalf or on behalf of individuals with disabilities?
- 2. Scope and impact:** How many individuals, families, students or organizations have been positively changed or influenced by the nominee's work? How has the community benefited? What aspects of the nominee's life have been positively influenced by his or her efforts?
- 3. Degree of difficulty:** Identify at least two challenges the nominee has faced in supporting individuals with disabilities or in directing his or her own life.
- 4. Imagination and innovation:** Describe one or two creative ideas that the nominee has utilized to promote growth for himself or herself or for individuals with disabilities.



The Advocacy Center Community Awards Nomination Form

Please note: Nominees must reside in one of the following counties: Monroe, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates. Employees and board members of The Advocacy Center, and their family members, are not eligible for the awards.

All of the completed nominations we receive are acknowledged. Award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of staff, board members, and past award recipients.

Award for which you are nominating this individual: _____

Nominee's name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Nominator's name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

How did you hear about the Community Awards (please circle one)?

Website The Bridge Direct contact (mail or email) Other: _____

Deadline for Submission: April 13, 2012

Please mail, fax, or email nominations to:

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The Advocacy Center
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead

