



The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities  
Requests Nominations for:

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS

2009

- **DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS:** Two awards, recognizing one person with a disability and one parent of a child with a disability for extraordinary contributions to disability advocacy.
- **DISABILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AWARDS:** Two awards, recognizing one individual and one group/organization for outstanding efforts to promote Disability Awareness in schools, businesses, and/or communities.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Nominations must be postmarked by Friday, August 21, 2009!

Winners will be recognized and receive an award during the Council's annual conference Awards Luncheon on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis.

Award recipients and one guest will be offered a scholarship to attend the full conference on November 17 and 18 including registration, parking and double occupancy overnight hotel accommodations (for those 50 miles or more from Indianapolis).

### DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS

This annual award was established in 2005 in honor of long time disability advocate David Scott of Indianapolis. David's life exemplified the characteristics of a true leader. He was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities with a vast knowledge of human service systems. Over many years of advocacy, he went out of his way to be sure people got the help and encouragement they needed. In his quiet but persistent way, David changed the world we live in to a much better place. His untimely death, lead to a realization that there is a need to celebrate and recognize the efforts of Indiana's most valuable resources, the advocates.

**1. Award description:** This award recognizes one person with a disability and one parent of a child with a disability for outstanding and sustained advocacy efforts, which have advanced the independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.

**2. Eligibility and selection:** All Indiana disability advocates who are people with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities are eligible. The Council will select one individual with a disability and one parent of a child with a disability, winners based on the criteria established for the award.

**3. Criteria:** Candidates considered for this award shall be judged on the following criteria:

**(a) Achievement:** Candidate has a record of achievements that show a positive and lasting impact on the broad community of people with disabilities or within their area of disability interest.

**(b) Impact:** Candidate has had state or local impact, which has attracted wide recognition.

**(c) Collaboration:** Candidate demonstrates ability to collaborate with others, to follow when necessary, and to cultivate new leaders within their organizations and communities.

**(d) Longevity:** Candidate has made long-term contributions over time.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Submissions for the *Distinguished Leadership Awards* should contain information about the candidate contributions and how they have made a difference to the community, state and local organizations, and/or disability related causes. Self-nominations are accepted. Please include the following information in the nominations:

- (a) Cover sheet:** Complete the enclosed nomination cover sheet and attach additional information corresponding to the items below.
- (b) Overview narrative:** Provide a summary of why the individual deserves the award.
- (c) Achievement:** Describe specific accomplishments resulting from the person's work.
- (d) Impact:** Describe how other people or groups have benefitted. What difference has the individual made?
- (e) Connections:** List names of committees and organizations, position and dates of service.
- (f) Supportive documentation:** Letters of endorsement from groups or representatives of organizations who work with the nominee in different capacities; evidence of past recognition of contributions, and newspaper articles/media clips where available.

## DISABILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AWARDS

**1. Award description:** This award recognizes one individual and one group/organization who have been most active organizing an exemplary Disability Awareness campaign, which has changed attitudes and enhanced the perception of the value and contributions of people with disabilities.

**2. Eligibility and selection:** All Disability Awareness community, business, or school campaigns that kicked off or occurred during March are eligible for submission. Nominees can be an individual, group or organization. The Council will select up to two winners based on the criteria established for the award.

**3. Criteria:** Candidates considered for this award shall be judged for their success in using Council provided materials and other resources to organize a Disability Awareness campaign according to the following criteria:

- (a) Involvement:** Candidate will have developed, organized and implemented activities to benefit people in terms of knowledge, attitudes, values, skills, or mutual understanding and cooperation.
- (b) Collaboration:** Candidate will have developed cooperative relationships and linkage with other individuals/organizations and/or community groups.
- (c) Originality:** This category challenges candidates to develop activities that are fresh, new and exciting in ways that will draw community interest and participation of target audience.
- (d) Public Relations/Outreach:** Awareness activities/events are published through the news media and other avenues.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Submissions for the *Disability Awareness Campaign Awards* should contain information about the Disability Awareness campaign/activities that were conducted and the candidate's leadership role in insuring success. Please include the following information in the nominations:

**(a) Cover sheet:** Complete the enclosed nomination cover sheet and attach additional information corresponding to the items below.

**(b) Overview narrative:** Provide a summary of why the individual, group or organization deserves the award.

**(c) Program description:** Provide information on activities conducted, target audience, number of participants, goals and outcomes and the role of the nominee.

**(d) Collaboration:** List other organizations, individuals or groups who assisted and their contributions/roles.

**(e) Outreach:** Explain outreach that was conducted to reach the target audience and media coverage (if applicable).

**(f) History/future:** Explain the history and future of the campaign. Was this a first time effort? If so, describe how the nominee got started, barriers overcome, and plans for future activities. If it is an annual event, describe the nominee's historical role, when it began, and how the events/activities have changed or grown over time.

**(g) Supportive documentation:** Letters of endorsement from groups or representatives of organizations who assisted with or attended the event/activities, photos, and newspaper articles/media clips where available.

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### Self-nominations are encouraged!

**Postmark by Friday, August 21, 2009**

**Submit to: Community Spirit Awards**

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Nominations may also be submitted electronically to: [bwade@gpcpd.org](mailto:bwade@gpcpd.org)

Guidelines and nomination cover sheets are also available on line at: [www.in.gov/gpcpd/](http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/)

**Alternative formats are available on request**