

Dear Members and Friends of The Arc of Oakland County:

Enclosed is the nomination form for the 44th Annual Dove Awards Presentation & Silent Auction. These awards will be presented at the banquet on Friday, March 28, 2014 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

It is important that we in the advocacy community recognize individuals who have given of themselves to help others. We strongly encourage everyone to take the time to nominate and/or re-nominate someone in one of the fifteen categories. When submitting a nomination, please fill out the last page (supportive materials) as thoroughly as possible to facilitate the decision-making process. Each and every nomination that is sent in on-time is considered and reviewed. The deadline for all nominations is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014** with the Selection Committee meeting the following week.

Sincerely,
The Arc of Oakland County Staff and Board of Directors

NOMINATION FORM

Categories

The **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** is presented to:

A parent, professional, volunteer, civic group, employer, humanitarian, or any organization that has made significant contribution(s) to enhance the quality of life for person(s) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

The **MEDIA DISTINCTION AWARD** is presented to:

A media individual who has made an outstanding contribution toward creating a better understanding of persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities through news article(s), editorials, broadcast reports, pictorial essays, etc. (please include copies).

The **SHELDON DUNN INSPIRATION AWARD** is presented to:

An individual with an intellectual and/or developmental disability, who resides or works in Oakland County. S/he can be a student, young adult, or older person who has made a contribution or achievement appropriate to his/her level of development and can serve as an inspiration to others.

The **AL CARTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD** is presented to:

A parent, interested citizen or professional who has freely given of their time to assist The Arc and/or persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The person may be a professional; however, s/he must not have received payment for the service for which they are being nominated.

The **YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD** is presented to:

A teen or young adult under the age of 18 years old who has worked significantly to facilitate the inclusion and integration of, or on behalf of, a person(s) with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

The **LEONARD CERCONE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD** is presented to:

A classroom teacher or program instructor in Oakland County who has been creative and enthusiastic in teaching students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The nominee for this award must be teaching at the time the nomination is submitted.

The **GOLDEN DOVE AWARD** is presented to:

A retiring, or recently retired, teacher or administrator in Oakland County who has shown many years of service and long-term commitment and dedication to the education of children and young adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

The **EMPLOYER/CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** is presented to:

An individual, firm, industry or business in Oakland County that employs a person(s) with an intellectual and/or developmental disability. The employer/contractor must employ the person(s) in accordance with state laws and regulations. This may include supported employment facilities. Please include the name and address of the employer/contractor and the contact person to whom the award letter should be sent.

The **PROVIDER OF THE YEAR** is presented to

An Oakland County based provider, residential or vocational, who maintains a consistent, positive, and nourishing community-based setting for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

The **INCLUSION LEADERSHIP AWARD** is presented to:

A person(s) or group of individuals who, through their diligence and dedication, have strived to make inclusion a priority in education and/or community-based services for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Oakland County.

The **COMMUNITY LIVING AWARD** is presented to:

A group home, foster home, family foster home, semi-independent living situation or apartment setting in Oakland County that has provided community living alternatives for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The living environment must be comfortable, stimulating and home-like. Please provide the name and address of the home manager and the home provider in your narrative and/or support materials.

The **ROBERT THOMAS SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AWARD** is presented to:

A social worker who displays exceptional concern for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and shows his/her concern by providing quality care.

The **VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD** is presented to:

A job coach, direct care worker or supervisor who helps individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities obtain and maintain employment within the community.

The **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD** is presented to:

A direct care worker or supervisor in a group home or personal residence who exhibits genuine concern for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and positively affects the lives of the individuals living in the home.

The **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD** is presented to:

A para-professional, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech pathologist, or psychologist who advocates for children and young adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in an educational setting.

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