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Arc of Oakland County honors individuals, organizations

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TROY — The Arc of Oakland County has chosen the recipients of its 2010 Dove Awards. These awards will be presented at The Arc's annual banquet April 16 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

For 40 years, The Arc of Oakland County has honored individuals, companies, agencies, residential settings, technicians, teachers, employers and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the lives of people with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities.

More than 1,200 nomination forms were sent out to professionals, families, members and friends of The Arc of Oakland County.

Each and every nomination that was sent back to The Arc was reviewed by a selection committee comprised of individuals working in the fields of mental health and special education.

The Arc of Oakland County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that provides direct legal, general advocacy, informational and referral services as well as community awareness and recreational programs for children and adults with intellectual impairment or other developmental disabilities and their families.

— The 2010 Janet and Paul MacCormack Lifetime Achievement Award went to Stan Gramke, president and CEO of New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

— The 2010 Distinguished Service Award went to Patricia Sims Sunisloe, director of Recreation Therapy Macomb Oakland Regional Center, Inc.

— The 2010 Professional Service Award went to Thomas Paskiewicz, manager of Community Based Programs New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

— The 2010 President's Award went to Dohn Hoyle, executive director of the The Arc Michigan.

— The 2010 Golden Dove Award went to Dr. Frances Paris, compliance and monitoring specialist Oakland Schools.

— The 2010 Outstanding Municipal Service Award went to the City of Auburn Hills

— The 2010 Media Award went to Community Media Network

— The 2010 Sheldon Dunn Inspiration Award went to Daniel Perry

— The 2010 Inclusion Leadership Award went to Chaya Leah (Ilene) Tinman, school inclusion program coordinator of

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- The 2010 Al Carter Volunteer of the Year Award went to Daniel Swope (community).
- The 2010 Al Carter Volunteer of the Year Award went to Andrea Foster (school).
- The 2010 Leonard Cerone Teacher of the Year went to secondary Michelle Mendez, resource room teacher at Waterford Mott High School.
- The 2010 Leonard Cerone Teacher of the Year went to post secondary Brynn Lawrence an Oakland University transition program teacher at Rochester Community Schools
- The 2010 Community Living Award went to Chestershire Home
- The 2010 Robert Thomas Support Professional Award went to Michele Thomas, supports coordinator at Macomb Oakland Regional Center, Inc.
- The 2010 Support Professional Award (workshop) went to Nancy Baker, supported employment instructor at New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
- The 2010 Support Professional Award (workshop) went to Jennifer Binstock, training specialist at Jewish Vocational Services
- The 2010 Support Professional Award (residential) went to Johnnie Cowley, independent care worker.
- The 2010 Support Professional Award (school) went to Micah Brown, school social worker at Adams and Sandburg Elementary School in Waterford.
- The 2010 Faith-Based Community Support Award (individual) went to Michael Anderson at Angels' Place.
- The 2010 Faith-Based Community Support Award (organization) went to Yad Ezra in Berkley.
- The 2010 Employer of the Year award went to JHP Pharmaceuticals in Rochester.
- The 2010 Provider of the Year award went to Progressive Lifestyles, Inc.

For more information on the 2010 Dove Awards Banquet and to purchase tickets, contact The Arc of Oakland County at 248-816-1900. To learn more about The Arc of Oakland County and its services, visit www.thearcoakland.org.

— *From staff reports*

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