



# Developmental Disabilities Network 2010 Community Life Awards Nomination Form

*Who has made a significant difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly basis?  
Nominate them to be honored!*

*Forms should be completed and returned to The Arc of Dallas no later than Friday March 19, 2010.* Please use additional sheets and collateral materials if needed. All submissions will become the property of the Developmental Disabilities Network. Entries can be mailed to: Community Life Awards Committee, The Arc of Dallas, 12700 Hillcrest, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75230 or faxed to 214-634-9815. Those recognized for a Community Life Award will be posted on the March For Respect website, recognized at The Arc of Dallas banquet, publicized in participating providers newsletters, and recognized at the 2011 March For Respect.

I'm making a nomination for the following award: (Please check one. Descriptions on back)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **School of the Year**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Church of the Year**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Physician/Dentist of the Year**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **For-Profit Business of the Year**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Individual of the Year**

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS OF NOMINEE (include contact name if group): \_\_\_\_\_  
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DAY PHONE OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR NOMINATION (Please include as many specifics as possible about significant differences made as well as a brief bio):

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Please use additional sheets if needed. Attach any support materials.

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_



## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NETWORK 2010 AWARD CATEGORIES**

### **SCHOOLS**

Honors a school who has perhaps adopted a home by landscaping, painting, cleaning, repairing; buddy/mentoring/tutoring program; integrated social activities; adopted a person/family by providing holiday/birthday gifts, social activities, and other met other individual/family needs as they developed.

### **CHURCHES**

Honors a church which has developed a special needs ministry including a Sunday School class; has integrated their special needs ministry into the main service and other Sunday School classes; has held inclusive social events; adopted a home/person/family; hosted events (transition fairs, educational classes, dances, etc.); has supported people with developmental disabilities in leadership roles successfully.

### **PHYSICIANS/DENTISTS**

Honors a physician/dentist whose practice is accessible to accommodate patients with disabilities; who has successfully adapted to people's anxieties and behavioral challenges; provided demonstrations and training classes to help familiarize people as to what to expect during an exam; provided exams outside of their facility to accommodate a person's disability; who has creative billing to enable people to enjoy great health; and/or who has served on community boards/committees.

### **FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS**

Honors apartments, restaurants, grocery stores, airlines, technology, retail, and marketing firms, to name a few, who has employed and mentored individuals with disabilities; allowed people to tour their place of business in order that people can learn about various jobs and make informed employment choices; has contributed ongoing donations/volunteer projects to providers who support people with developmental disabilities, including involving all apartment residents in community activities.

### **INDIVIDUAL**

Honors an individual who has been an advocate in legislative matters, school meetings/conferences, ARD's, and employer meetings; developed an ongoing friendship; provided expertise (therapies, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, tutoring, arts/crafts classes, etc...); adopted a home/family; and served on community boards/committees, to name a few.