



Cuyahoga County Board of DD Annual Celebration Luncheon

Help us celebrate our 50th anniversary by recognizing others who are advancing our shared vision for a more inclusive Cuyahoga County.

Do you know a person, business, organization or municipality that is making a big impact in the lives of people with developmental disabilities? If so, now is your chance to nominate them for an appreciation award. Please see categories below for details. **Nominations must be received by August 31, 2017.** Award winners will be recognized at the celebration luncheon on October 10, 2017 at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Rd. in Independence.

To submit a nomination electronically, complete the electronic form and click 'SUBMIT.'

To submit a nomination through the mail, complete the print form and mail to: Diane Williams c/o Cuyahoga County Board of DD, 1275 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114.

Award Categories:

Top Hat Award: This award identifies a person or group of people that through volunteer efforts is enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. It spotlights innovative and inclusive volunteer efforts that empower people with disabilities to connect to and engage in their community in more meaningful ways.

The Good Life Achievement Award: This award recognizes an individual with a developmental disability whose actions or advocacy has helped to change perceptions or bring about positive awareness for those with developmental disabilities.

The Dr. Michael A. Donzella Leader of the Year Award: This award is named for the late superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of DD who dedicated his career as a public servant to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. It recognizes a leader in the Greater Cleveland community who, through his/her leadership, helps to ensure that communities are more inclusive and that citizens of all abilities have a voice.

Above and Beyond Impact Award: This award honors a community (city), business or agency that is making an impact in the community for people with developmental disabilities through its mission and/or practices, going above and beyond to promote inclusion and opportunity for all. The impact can be the result of any number of things, including innovative programming or initiatives, advocacy, awareness efforts, partnerships, or inclusive events/projects- to name a few.

Employment First Award: This award is given to a local business that supports the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the workplace. It celebrates the commitment of the business to value the contributions of people with disabilities and to serve as an exemplary role model for other businesses to enhance their diversity.

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Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Information

Award Category for Nomination (choose one) Top Hat Award The Good Life Achievement Award Employment First Award
The Dr. Michael A. Donzella Leader of the Year Award Above and Beyond Impact Award

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if any) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In 300 words or less, describe why you believe this person or organization deserves to be nominated for this award. (Please include information about programs, actions, advocacy or impact of their actions as outlined in the award description.) Submit this nomination form no later than August 31, 2017.

Please attach your Nominee's description to this form

Nominator's Information:

Nominator's Name _____

Organization/Business _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You can submit this form electronically by clicking on the "SUBMIT" button below or mail to

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Cleveland OH 44114

If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 216-736-2690

