

2017 COMMUNITY, STAFF & VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Arc Montgomery County honors our community partners, staff and volunteers each year at our Community, Staff & Volunteer Awards Dinner. This year's awards will be presented in early 2018. The individuals and/or groups we honor provide many hours of support, dedication, leadership, and above all, a strong commitment to identifying, creating and sustaining *inclusive communities* that embrace and engage individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Please carefully review the award categories and nominate your community partners, co-workers, support staff, volunteers and/or community advocates. **Submit one form for each nomination, with an accompanying description of why the person should be recognized, by 5 pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.** Mail or email nominations to Deborah Mark, Director of Communications & Outreach, 11600 Nebel Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or DeborahM@arcmontmd.org.

Community Award Category *(Presented only to people/businesses/organizations in the community)*

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Presented to an individual, legislator, business or community group who has contributed to the inclusion, dignity and welfare of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and whose actions have resulted in conditions significantly improving the quality of life of an individual(s), systemic change in response to their special needs, or protection of their basic human, civil or legal rights.

SELF ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Presented to an individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities who resides in Montgomery County who has attained a personal achievement or demonstrated a contribution to his/her community.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an employer in either the public or private sector who has made a significant contribution in hiring and assisting the employment of citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AWARD

Presented to an individual or organization who has clearly contributed to the education of children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Presented to an individual, business, or organization in recognition of outstanding public service on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

COMMUNITY INCLUSION AWARD

Presented to an individual or group in our community who has clearly demonstrated identifying, creating or sustaining an inclusive community that embraces and engages individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(over please, for Volunteer and Staff categories)

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Volunteer Award Category (Presented only to The Arc Montgomery County volunteers)

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Presented to an individual under the age of 18 who, over the past year, has exhibited exceptional commitment and volunteer efforts on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Presented to an individual age 18 or older who, over the past year, has exhibited exceptional commitment and volunteer efforts on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Presented to a member of The Arc Montgomery County Board of Directors who, over the past year, has exhibited exceptional commitment and volunteer efforts on behalf of people with disabilities.

Staff Award Category (Presented only to The Arc Montgomery County staff)

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-DIRECT SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-DIRECT SUPPORT FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-DIRECT SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-DIRECT SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONAL & DAY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Presented to one direct support staff in each program division and one administrative/management staff whose behavior brings to life The Arc Montgomery County's mission of building inclusive communities, who has consistently gone above and beyond the expectations of his/her job description and who has demonstrated outstanding work on behalf of the agency, its staff and the individuals we support.

RISING STAR AWARD

Presented to an individual in his/her first year of employment (*post* three-month introductory period), who has gone above and beyond the expectations of his/her job description and has demonstrated outstanding work on behalf of the agency, its staff and the individuals we support.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presented to a staff member of The Arc who exemplifies professionalism at its highest level over an extended time period. This person may be any staff member who shows qualities of leadership which significantly contribute to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities, demonstrate the agency's mission, and set a standard for others to follow.

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Community Award Category

Presented only to community people/businesses/organizations.

- Advocate of the Year
- Self-Advocate of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Commitment to Education Award
- Public Service Award
- Community Inclusion Award

Staff Award Category

Presented only to The Arc Montgomery County staff.

- Employee of the Year-Direct Support Children & Youth Services
- Employee of the Year-Direct Support Family & Community Services
- Employee of the Year-Direct Support Residential Services
- Employee of the Year-Direct Support Vocational & Day Services
- Employee of the Year-Administration/Management
- Rising Star Award
- Distinguished Service Award

Volunteer Award Category

Presented only to The Arc Montgomery County volunteers.

- Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Board Member of the Year

**Completed nominations are due by 5 pm on
Wednesday, January 24, 2018.**

Nominee Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell/Work) _____

Nomination Submitted By _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Email _____ Phone _____

On a separate page, please answer the following questions which describe the nature of the activity and manner of performance for which the individual/group which merits recognition by The Arc Montgomery County. Please be as specific as possible and use examples. Accomplishments should be judged on the period of January-December, 2017.

- How does this individual/group demonstrate support for The Arc's mission of building inclusive communities?
- What sets this individual/group apart from your other co-workers, volunteers or community partners?
- How has this individual/group impacted the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities?
- How has this individual/group inspired others to support inclusive communities?
- What additional information would you like to share which is relevant to the award?

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All nominations are confidential; the person making the nomination will not be revealed unless the nominee is selected to receive the award. The selection committee reserves the right to change the category of any nomination in order to better match the nomination criteria.