The Arc
Montgomery County

Nominate a Star!

2020 COMMUNITY, STAFF & VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Arc Montgomery County honors our community partners, staff and volunteers each year at our Community, Staff & Volunteer Awards ceremony. The individuals and/or groups we honor provide many hours of support, dedication, leadership, and above all, a strong commitment to connecting people of all ages and abilities with their communities to build inclusive and fulfilling lives. This year's awards represent service provided from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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,* no later than 5 pm on Monday, August 24, 2020. Mail nominations to Deborah Mark, Director of Communications & Outreach, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, Maryland 20855 or email to DeborahM@arcmontmd.org.

NEW Award!! ***(Presented to any person, business, or community group connected with The Arc Montgomery County)***

PANDEMIC CHAMPION AWARD–Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

Presented to an individual, business or community group which has clearly demonstrated extraordinary support for the organization during the COVID-19 pandemic. Support must be impactful and meaningful, with no expectation of personal/professional gain or recognition.

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

COMMUNITY INCLUSION AWARD

Presented to an individual or community group which has clearly demonstrated a strong commitment to connecting people of all ages and abilities with their communities to build inclusive and fulfilling lives for everyone.

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.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to a community partner in either the public or private sector who has made a significant contribution to supporting The Arc Montgomery County's mission.

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

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

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 INCLUSIVE LIVING SERVICES
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-DIRECT SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT & DAY SERVICES
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT
Presented to Direct Support Professionals in each program division and one administrative/management employee 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 organization, its staff and the individuals we support.

RISING STAR AWARD
Presented to an individual in his/her first year of employment (having successfully completed the introductory period), who has gone above and beyond the expectations of his/her job description and has demonstrated outstanding work on behalf of the organization, 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 organization's mission, and set a standard for others to follow.

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2020 COMMUNITY, STAFF & VOLUNTEER AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Community Award Category

Presented only to community people/businesses/organizations.

- ❑ Advocate of the Year
- ❑ Self-Advocate of the Year
- ❑ Community Partner of the Year
- ❑ 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 Inclusive Living Services
- ❑ Employee of the Year-Direct Support Employment & 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

Pandemic Champion Category

Presented to any person/business/group connected with The Arc Montgomery County

- ❑ Covid-19 Pandemic Champion

Completed nominations are due not later than 5 pm on Monday, August 24, 2020.

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 July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. ***Nominations without this supporting information cannot be considered.***

- 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 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.