



Nominate a Star!

2021 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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 Wednesday, September 1, 2021.** Mail nominations to Ann Stephenson, Volunteer Manager, 7362 Calhoun Place, Rockville, Maryland 20855 or email to AnnS@arcmontmd.org.

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

COMMUNITY INCLUSION AWARD

Presented to an individual/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.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Presented to an individual/legislator/business/community group which 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, or protection of 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

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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

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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 employees)*

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 & MEANINGFUL 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.





2021 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

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

Staff Award Category

Presented only to The Arc Montgomery County employees.

- 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

Completed nominations are due not later than 5 pm on Wednesday, September 1, 2020.

Nominee Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominee Phone _____

Nomination Submitted By _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Email _____ Phone _____

On a separate page, please describe the nature of the activity and manner of performance for which the individual/group merits recognition by The Arc Montgomery County. Please be as specific as possible and use examples to show support for The Arc's mission and what sets this nominee apart. Accomplishments should be judged on the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. **Nominations without this supporting information cannot be considered.**

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All nominations are confidential. The selection committee reserves the right to change the category of any nomination in order to better match the nomination criteria.