



# Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Enriching, empowering, and connecting people with their community

## The Don Cosner Impact and Leadership Award

The Don Cosner Impact and Leadership Award honors individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and contributions in the field of intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD), embodying the same passion and dedication that Don Cosner has shown throughout his 24 years of service. To nominate a deserving candidate, please review the criteria categories, complete the nomination form below, providing detailed information on how the nominee exemplifies the key qualities of commitment, leadership, impact, and any additional information. A notable nominee will be exemplary in a minimum of one of the criteria categories.

### Award Criteria Categories

#### Commitment and Service

*Criteria:* Recognizes individuals who have demonstrated significant, long-term commitment (minimum of 5 years) to people with I/DD.

- Long-term dedication and active involvement.
- Consistency and reliability in service.
- Personal investment in supporting and advocating for people with developmental disabilities.

#### Leadership and Influence

*Criteria:* Recognizes individuals who have proven leadership in leading initiatives that promote inclusivity and support in the field of developmental disabilities.

- Visionary leadership and initiative.
- Team and community engagement.
- Significant impact on the organization or community.

#### Impact and Innovation

*Criteria:* Recognizes individuals whose contributions have led to substantial positive change, enhancing the quality of life for people with I/DD.

- Implementation of innovative practices or programs.
- Measurable positive impact.
- Recognition and tangible outcomes.

#### Community Collaborator

*Definition:* Recognizes effective collaboration with community partners to improve and enhance support for people with developmental disabilities.

- Successful created partnerships or community organizations and stakeholders.
- Developed initiatives that have strengthened the community's capacity to support people I/DD.
- Positive community impact.

#### Advocacy and Empowerment

*Definition:* Recognizes effective advocacy and efforts to empower people with developmental disabilities.

- Advocacy efforts promoting rights and inclusion.
- Influence on policy and system changes.
- Initiatives empowering people to advocate for themselves.

#### Include Supporting Materials:

Nominators are encouraged to provide supporting materials such as testimonials, letters of recommendation, pictures or data that illustrate the nominee's impact.

#### Include References:

Nominators are encouraged to at least two references who can attest to the nominee's commitment, leadership, and impact in the field of developmental disabilities.

## Nomination Form and Questions

### Nominee Information:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Questions:** (Note: Attach additional paper or documents to provide a more detailed response.)

- 1) How long have you known the nominee, and in what capacity?
- 2) How does the nominee exemplify one or more of the qualities listed above?
- 3) What specific achievements or milestones has the nominee accomplished in the field of intellectual and/or developmental disabilities?
- 4) Has the nominee received any previous awards, recognition, or honors for their work in this field? If so, please list them.
- 5) Why do you believe the nominee deserves the Don Cosner Impact and Leadership Award?
- 6) Are there any additional materials or testimonials you would like to submit in support of this nomination?

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