

# 19th Annual Advocacy Awards



TARC is accepting nominations for the 19th Annual Advocacy Awards, to be held **December 7** in Tulsa. Anyone can nominate advocates for recognition by following these simple steps:

- Complete both sides of the nomination form and mail or fax to TARC.
- Return nominations to TARC by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 9**.
- Nominations are reviewed by a selection committee, which slates at least three nominees in each category, based on quality of advocacy described in the nomination.
- The selection committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any category in which an insufficient number of nominations are submitted.
- Award recipients are selected through a vote of the TARC membership. Ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing (dues paid) as of October 16, 2009.
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### Advocacy Award Categories

*Advocate - Board Member:*

Recognizes a member of the board of directors of any non-profit, community-based service provider who has gone beyond the interest of his or her agency to become an advocate for all people with disabilities. *Sue Freeman was the 2008 recipient.*

*Advocate - Case Manager:*

Recognizes the OKDHS/DDSD case manager who has surpassed job requirements to advocate for his or her clients. *Angela King was the 2008 recipient*

*Advocate - Direct Care Provider:*

Recognizes the direct contact staff person working for a community provider, who has gone beyond job requirements to advocate for people with disabilities. *Tiffany Williams was the 2008 Direct Care Provider recipient.*

*Advocate - Educator:*

Recognizes a public school educator who has promoted the inclusion of children with disabilities in regular school settings. *Kem Mor-*

*row was the 2008 Educator recipient*

*Advocate - Professional Provider:*

Recognizes any professional such as a therapist or physician who advocates for people with disabilities beyond their professional responsibilities. *Dr. Marcialee Ledbetter was the 2008 recipient.*

*Advocate - Volunteer:*

Recognizes the volunteer or group of volunteers who, in a program serving people with developmental disabilities, has gone beyond the call of duty to advocate. *Irene Williams was the 2008 Volunteer recipient.*

*Elected Official:*

Recognizes an elected official who has effectively promoted better understanding and integration of people with disabilities in employment, education, and the community. *Senator Jay Paul Gumm was the 2008 recipient.*

*Media Advocate:*

Recognizes the media professional who has

effectively promoted better understanding and integration of people with disabilities living in the community. *There was no recipient of this award in 2008.*

*Parent Advocate:*

Recognizes the parent(s) of a person with developmental disabilities who has been a voice for all people with disabilities. *Joyce and Bobby House were the 2008 Parent recipients.*

*Self-Advocate:*

Recognizes the self-advocate who has spoken out for all people with disabilities. *Michele Disario was the 2008 Self-advocate recipient.*

*Special Achievement in Advocacy:*

Recognizes the individual, business, or organization not included in other categories, which through a significant advocacy effort has improved the lives of people with disabilities. *Cindy Jennings was the 2008 recipient.*

Nomination forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 9, 2008.**

Mail the completed 2-page form to TARC, 16 E. 16th St. Ste. 405,  
Tulsa, OK 74119-4447, or fax to 918-582-3628.

# 2009 TARC Advocacy Awards Nomination Form

Please make duplicate copies of this form for each nomination and/or category. If you need extra space to answer these questions, please limit additional pages to two typed sheets. You may include a maximum of three letters of support for your nominee(s) and up to four other applicable attachments such as newspaper clippings, programs, etc., per nominee.

*Select Category of Nominee* (For definitions, see "Advocacy Award Categories" on p. 2)

Individuals may not **win** an Advocacy Award in the same category more than once. Please do not nominate a past winner in a category they have previously won. Individuals **may be re-nominated** in a given category multiple times, so long as they have never won in that category. Individuals may win advocacy awards in more than one category, but no one person may win the same category more than once.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Board Member          | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Case Manager          | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Advocate                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Direct Care Provider  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Advocate                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Educator              | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Advocate                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Professional Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Achievement in Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate - Volunteer             |  |

## 1. What is the name, title, address, and telephone number of the nominee?

*(It is very important that this information is correct, especially the spelling of the nominee's name. If the nominee is an organization, please provide the name of the primary contact at that organization.)*

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

Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
city state zip

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

## 2. Describe the projects or activities in which the nominee participated in on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Questions? Call 800-688-8272 or 918-582-8272

3. Describe the ways in which the nominee advocated for individuals with developmental disabilities.

4. Why is the nominee deserving of special recognition?

5. Use this space (or attach up to two pages) to make any additional comments.

6. Please provide your (nominator) contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

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*All nomination forms become the property of TARC and will be kept confidential.*