



Dear Supporter,

Each March, Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (Summit DD) celebrates National Developmental Disabilities Awareness (DD Awareness) Month. It's a time of the year when Summit DD and other national and state disability organizations bring awareness to the abilities that each person has to offer, as well as share messages of inclusion for people of all abilities.

Last year we hosted our inaugural Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration. More than 300 advocates, businesses, community leaders, elected officials and community members helped us celebrate and honor award recipients who share our vision of inclusive communities.

This year, we'd again like to show our gratitude to those who support our mission. The 2017 Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 30 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. We will recognize the achievements of advocates, volunteers, community leaders, supporters and other community partners who are actively helping to build communities that are welcoming for people of every ability.

Celebrate DD Awareness Month with us by joining us or nominating others who are helping to move Summit County forward for all citizens. Let us know why you believe this person or organization deserves to be recognized at this year's event. Enclosed are the table sponsorship registration and award nomination form for the 2017 Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$200, or individual seats are available for \$25 each.

Thank you for your continued support. For more information or specific questions about the event, please contact Amy Popik at 330-634-8880 or APopik@SummitDD.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billie Jo David". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Billie Jo David
Director of Communications
Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

2017 Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration

Table Sponsorship Form

Schedule: Thursday, March 30, 2017
8:15 a.m. Doors open
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Program and awards celebration

Location: Quaker Station
135 S Broadway St.
Akron, OH 44308

Reservations: \$200 for a table of 8 or \$25 per seat. Table or seat sponsorship includes recognition in the event program, free parking, and breakfast buffet (eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, Danish, juice, coffee and tea). Reservations will honored on a first come, first served basis to the first 250 paid attendees. **Reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

Yes, we would like to be a sponsor!

Organization/Business _____

Contact Person _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of tables requested _____ x \$200 = _____

Names of attendees (or email attendee names to APopik@SummitDD.org by 2/28/17.)

(I would like to donate this table so that others may attend.)

Number of individual seats requested _____ x \$25 = _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

Please send registration form and check to:

Summit DD, Attn: Amy Popik, 89 E. Howe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Questions? Please contact Amy Popik at 330-634-8880 or APopik@SummitDD.org.



Award Nomination Form

Do you know a person or an organization who is making a big impact in the lives of those with developmental disabilities? If so, now is your chance to nominate them for an appreciation award. Please see categories below for details. **Nominations must be received no later than Friday, February 17, 2017 to be considered.**

Award Categories:

- **Community Impact Award:** This award identifies a person or group of individuals that through volunteer efforts is impacting the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. It spotlights innovative and inclusive volunteer efforts that empower people with disabilities to connect to their community in more meaningful ways.
- **Carlene Weaver Achievement Award:** This award will be given to an individual with a developmental disability whose actions or self-advocacy has helped to change perceptions or bring about positive awareness for those with developmental disabilities in their community.
- **Dottie Schrum Culture Award:** This award recognizes an outstanding employee within the developmental disabilities field whose dedication has gone above and beyond to make a difference for those they serve.
- **Russ Pry Public Leader of the Year Award:** This award is named after the late Summit County Executive, Russ Pry who dedicated his career as a public servant to improving the lives of those in our community. It recognizes an elected leader in our community who, through their leadership, helps to ensure that communities are more inclusive and that citizens of all abilities have a voice in their community.
- **Innovative Partner Award:** This award honors a business or non-profit that is making an impact in the community for people with developmental disabilities through their mission or business. The impact can be a result of any number things including, innovative programming or initiatives, advocacy, awareness efforts, or inclusive events/projects to name a few.

Nominations:

- Breakfast sponsorship is not required to submit award nominations.
- Previous award winners are not eligible to be nominated again in the same category.
- Winners will receive (2) free tickets to the Appreciation Breakfast and have the option to purchase additional tickets, if still available.
- Reservations will honored on a first come, first served basis for the first 250 paid attendees.
- To nominate a person or organization for an award, please send the nomination form to Summit DD's Communications department **by February 17, 2017**. Nominations may be submitted via email or mail:
 - **For questions or to submit nominations electronically:** please email APopik@SummitDD.org
 - **To submit nominations through standard mail:** please send form and nomination description to:
Summit DD, Attn: Amy Popik, 89 E. Howe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278



Award Nomination Form continued...

Nominee's Information:

Award Category for Nomination _____

Nominee's Name _____

Organization (if any) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

In 300 words or less, describe why you believe this person or organization deserves to be nominated for this award. (Please include information about programs, actions, advocacy or impact of their actions as outlined in the award description.) Submit your document with the nomination form no later than February 17, 2017.

Nominator's Information:

Nominator's Name _____

Organization/Business _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

