



Dear Supporter,

Each March, Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (Summit DD), along with national and state disability organizations, celebrates National Developmental Disabilities Awareness (DD Awareness) Month. DD Awareness Month is a time of the year when organizations, like Summit DD, can help bring more awareness to the abilities that each person has to offer within their community. We highlight the strong network of supports available to those with disabilities, focus on individuals' success stories that ultimately help pave the way for others, and we offer inclusive events that are meant to bring people of all abilities together.

This year, we'd like to begin a new tradition to show our gratitude to all those who stand with us and support our mission through an appreciation breakfast and awards ceremony. The Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. This first-ever celebration is themed *Our Journey Forward*, and recognizes the achievements of self-advocates, supporters and community partners who are actively helping to build communities that are welcoming for people of every ability.

As a supporter of Summit DD, we invite you to be part of our inaugural event. Your support for our Agency, local disabilities service providers, and county-wide disability initiatives, helps to move Summit County forward for all of its citizens. Enclosed are the sponsorship registration and nomination forms for the Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration. Tables of eight for the event can be purchased for \$200, or individual seats are available for \$25 each.

We thank you for your continued support and hope you will join us in celebrating this great community and disability advocates here in Summit County. For more information or specific questions about the event, please contact Amy Popik at 330-634-8880 or APopik@SummitDD.org. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from 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 and Quality
Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

Our Journey Forward

Summit DD Appreciation Breakfast and Awards Celebration Sponsorship Form

Schedule: Tuesday, March 29, 2016
7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Program and awards ceremony

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

Reservations: \$200 for a table of 8 or \$25 per seat. Sponsorship includes recognition in the event program, free parking, and breakfast buffet of eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, Danish, juice, coffee and tea. Reservations will honored on a first come, first served basis for the first 250 paid sponsorships. **Reservations must be received no later than Monday, February 29, 2016.**

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 = _____

(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.



Our Journey Forward

Awards Nomination Form

Do you know a person or an organization who is making a big impact for those with developmental disabilities? If so, here's your chance to nominate them for an appreciation award. Please see categories below for details.

Nominations must be received no later than Friday, February 19, 2016 to be considered.

Appreciation Awards Categories:

- **Innovative Partner Award:** This award honors an organization or business in our community whose innovative program has empowered individuals with developmental disabilities to connect with their community in more meaningful ways or follow their dreams.
- **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 disabilities in their community.
- **Dottie Schrum Culture Award:** Named for a former Summit DD Assistant Superintendent and passionate employee within Summit County's developmental disabilities field, Dottie was committed to her life's work and those she served. This award honors her and those who share her dedication. It is meant to recognize an exceptional employee within the field whose actions have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of those he/she serves.
- **Public Leader of the Year Award:** This award was created to recognize an elected leader in our community who, through their leadership, helps ensure that communities are more inclusive and that citizens of all abilities have a voice in their community.
- **Community Impact Award:** The recipient of this award can be an individual or group who has made a big impact in the developmental disabilities community through advocacy, awareness efforts or a special event/project.

Nominations:

Sponsorship for the awards breakfast is not required to nominate an individual or organization for an award. To nominate a person or organization for an award, please send the following information to Summit DD's Communications department **before February 19, 2016**. Nominations may be submitted via email or sent by mail to the following:

For questions or to submit nominations: 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

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Nominee's Information:

Name_____

Organization/Business_____

Daytime Phone_____ Email_____

Address_____

City/State/ZIP_____

Award Category_____

In 300 words or less, describe why you believe this person deserves to be nominated for this award. (Please include information about programs, actions, advocacy or impact from their actions as outlined in the award description and attach your document with the nomination form.)

Nominator's Information:

Name_____

Organization/Business_____

Daytime Phone_____ Email_____

Address_____

City/State/ZIP_____

