

# It is Time to Nominate Outstanding People or Organizations

## 2010 Arc of East Central Iowa Annual Awards

The Arc's 2010 Annual Awards Ceremony is fast approaching. The ceremony will take place in April at a location to be determined. The deadline for nominations is April 2nd. Nomination forms are available from The Arc office or can be found on-line at [www.arceci.org/](http://www.arceci.org/) click on Events then Awards.

The categories for the awards are listed below:

**Teacher/Educator of the Year:** To recognize extraordinary and meritorious service of a Teacher or Educator (public or private non-profit agency employee) who has substantially contributed to the education of persons with intellectual disabilities. Through patience, care and understanding he/she has made a significant impact on the lives of persons with disabilities.

**Employer of the Year:** To recognize employers who have made outstanding contributions in the employment of Iowans with intellectual disabilities. A philosophy of supporting employment opportunities, exhibited through recruiting, accommodating, employing and advancing persons with disabilities, is viewed as a strength. Businesses who focus on the ability of the employees (rather than the disability) are excellent nominees.

**Volunteer of the Year:** To recognize extraordinary and meritorious service of a volunteer who has substantially contributed integrity and dedication in support of persons with intellectual disabilities. His/her generous contributions of time and talents have enhanced the lives of persons with disabilities.

**Direct Service Provider of the Year:** To recognize a direct care staff member who demonstrates exceptional sensitivity to people with intellectual disabilities and who exhibits quality work within the position held.

**Para educator of the Year:** To recognize a classroom Para educator who demonstrates excellence in helping students with disabilities meet their educational goals.

**Bill Sackter Self-Determination Award /Self-Advocate of the Year:** This award is named for Bill Sackter, who made a successful transition from institutionalization to life in the community. He was a respected public speaker, ran his own business and was the inspiration for the acclaimed television film, "Bill." The award recognizes a self-advocate who is an achieving, included member of society. The award recognizes a person with intellectual disabilities who has demonstrated, through his/her talents and abilities, extraordinary and meritorious success. The person who is selected serves as a role model, peer and mentor to others.

**Media Excellence:** To honor outstanding media efforts that create better community understanding of intellectual disabilities and individuals affected. This award recognizes reports, programs, and news stories in television, radio, and print.

**Community Inclusion:** To honor an outstanding citizen who makes substantial efforts to ensure that persons with intellectual disabilities are fully integrated in the community, either professionally, socially, academically, or otherwise.

**Business Supporter of the Year:** To recognize a company or organization that has provided extraordinary support enabling The Arc to advance its mission.

**Super Sibling Award:** To recognize a brother or sister who has demonstrated through his/her actions a positive attitude that enhances the quality of life for their sibling with an intellectual disability. The person who is selected serves as a role model, peer and mentor to his/her sibling in their home and in the community.

**Meritorious Service Award:** To honor an individual who, over a long period of time, has provided excellent service or advocacy that has led to better community understanding of intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

**Professional of the Year Award:** Recognize an individual employed in the health, education or human services field that has demonstrated the sensitivity and ability to obtain outstanding professional results that have increased independence or additional opportunities for persons with disabilities.

**Scholarship Award:** To assist a deserving individual who is attending or will attend post secondary training or education in a field that directly benefits individuals with disabilities.

Let someone know that you appreciate them!

**Nominate Them Today**