



## **Call for Award Nominations**

**The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties is now accepting nominations for recipients of our 2024 One Step Forward Celebration Awards, which will be presented on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at DeSales University. Please complete the second page of this document or visit [www.arcoflehighbnorthampton.org/osfcnominations](http://www.arcoflehighbnorthampton.org/osfcnominations) to submit a nomination online.**

### **DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS**

#### ***Allen D. Deibler Advocacy Award***

Presented to an individual who demonstrates exceptional efforts in improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Lehigh Valley by advocating for the rights, welfare, and quality of life, with particular emphasis on efforts to affect system changes.

#### ***One Step Forward Award***

Presented to a person with an intellectual or developmental disability who is working towards independence and self-determination, leading a life of productivity and achievement within the community.

#### ***Dedicated Family Award***

Presented to a natural, host, or adoptive family whose care for their child(ren), assistance to other families, and service to The Arc sets an example to families of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Valley.

#### ***NEW! Community Impact Award***

Presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional dedication toward making a positive and lasting difference in the community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Whether through innovative programs, transformative initiatives, or tireless advocacy, the recipient of the Community Impact Award will have demonstrated a commitment to improving the well-being, inclusivity, and overall quality of life of people with IDD.

#### ***Business Recognition Award***

Presented to a business that has devoted their time, talents and resources to benefit and support The Arc and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### ***NEW! Special Education Award***

Presented to a teacher, administrator, or school staff member who has demonstrated innovative and effective approaches to supporting and empowering individuals with diverse learning needs. Whether through the development of inclusive programs, implementation of adaptive teaching methods, or dedication to fostering an environment of understanding and acceptance, recipients of the Special Education Award have significantly contributed to advancing the educational experience and outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**2024 ONE STEP FORWARD CELEBRATION  
Award Nomination Form**

Please return by **2/6/24** to Lori Gallagher, The Arc, 2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA 18017.  
Scan and email the form to [lgallagher@arcoflehightnorthampton.org](mailto:lgallagher@arcoflehightnorthampton.org).

-OR-

Submit your nomination online at [www.arcoflehightnorthampton.org/osfnomination](http://www.arcoflehightnorthampton.org/osfnomination).

**Full name of nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**I am nominating this person for the:**

- Allen D. Deibler Advocacy Award
- One Step Forward Award
- Dedicated Family Award
- NEW! Community Impact Award
- Business Recognition Award
- NEW! Special Education Award

**Reason for nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide specific examples of how this nominee exemplifies this award:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What sets this nominee apart from others being nominated for this award:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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