



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Whole Person's Night of Independence Gala will honor and recognize individuals, businesses and organizations that work to further our mission to assist people with disabilities to live independently in the Kansas City Metro Area.

The winners will be recognized this year at our inaugural Night of Independence Gala on September 15, 2017.

All nominations are due by May 31, 2017.

Submit nomination on our website at: www.thewholeperson.org/nominations

AWARD CATEGORIES:

INDIVIDUAL AWARD: Recognizes an individual who has been a champion of people with disabilities through their actions or involvement in organizations, events and their community.

Previous awardees include: Jed Stockham, Deb Reithmeyer, David Jones, Tom and Debra Craig, and Tina and Leon Jackson and Adam Lane.

CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION AWARD: Recognizes a business or organization for outstanding accomplishments in increasing the quality of life and promotion of inclusion of people with disabilities in their community.

Previous awardees include: Assurant Employee Benefits, DaVita and the Dream Catchers Division, 360 Architecture, Centric Projects, FOX 4, AMC Theaters and The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art.

CIVIC LEADER AWARD: Recognizes an individual or organization which inspires others to make a difference by engaging with elected officials and key stakeholders in discussions to promote policies that support the mission of The Whole Person and independent living for people with disabilities.

Previous awardees include: Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II; Representative Jeff Grisamore; Jay Nixon; Diane Burnette and MainCor; Mark Gash and City of Olathe, Kansas, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board; and the Jackson County Sports Commission.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Recognizes an individual who has contributed volunteer hours/service at an extraordinary level of dedication.

Previous awardees include: 2017 is the first year for this award.

ORGANIZATION/CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR: Recognizes an organization or corporate group who have contributed volunteer hours/service at an extraordinary level of dedication.

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PAUL H. LEVY FOUNDERS AWARD: Named for the founder of The Whole Person, this award recognizes an individual who through their life's work has been a tireless advocate for people with disabilities in the Kansas City metropolitan area. This individual embodies a passion to continue the work of Paul H. Levy in the civil rights movement of the independent living philosophy, a self-help model of advocacy and service by and for people of all disabilities.

Previous awardees include: Jean Bailey Smith, Dr. Charles Wheeler, Joseph Matovu, Don Harkin and Ability KC (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City), Susie Haake and Sally Firestone.

NIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE GALA

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7:00 - 11:00 pm

The Gallery Event Space

61 E. 14th Street

Kansas City, Missouri



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AWARD CATEGORIES:

Select ONE category only for this Nominee

- ☐ INDIVIDUAL AWARD
- ☐ CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION AWARD
- ☐ CIVIC LEADER AWARD
- ☐ VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ☐ ORGANIZATION/CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR
- ☐ PAUL H. LEVY FOUNDERS AWARD

Nominee's Information *(please print)*

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Does the Nominee have a relationship with The Whole Person?: _____

Person Submitting Nomination *(please print)*

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? *(friend, co-worker, fellow community volunteer, other):* _____

How long have you known the Nominee?: _____

Please provide a statement, *in 500 words or less*, why you are nominating this person for this award.

Please provide statement on a separate page.

Please list any other pertinent information that should be considered *(Nominee's other awards, Nominee's volunteer experience, board involvement, etc.)*. Please provide on a separate page.

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