



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
29TH ANNUAL ANN KLEIN ADVOCATE AWARDS
OCTOBER 27, 2016
THE WILSHIRE GRAND HOTEL, WEST ORANGE, NJ

Call for Nominations for the prestigious Ann Klein Advocate Awards is now open. The awards are given to a group of select individuals and organizations, nominated by the public, who have performed exemplary work as advocates for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations. They are presented each October at an event sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Law Project.

The awards are named in memory of Ann Klein, former Commissioner of the NJ Department of Human Services, whose career as a public servant, legislator and social worker paved the way for significant advances in the human services systems throughout the State of New Jersey. Previous award winners have included consumers, government officials, service providers, corporate entities and executives, legislators, performers, and journalists, among others.

Individuals, associations and corporations may submit nominations for individuals or organizations noted for their distinguished service in promoting opportunities, rights or services for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations in New Jersey. Often nominees are credited for specific projects, advocacy initiatives or programs that benefit a segment of the disability and or vulnerable populations in the community.

Nominations should enumerate your nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations and should explain why you or your organization believe your nominee is worthy of the Ann Klein Advocate Award. Such other relevant information as articles and newspaper clippings are welcome.

If your nominee is selected, we will encourage you to make a commitment of ticket sales and the purchase of congratulatory ads in the award journal in support of the Community Health Law Project. We also ask you to provide assurance that there are other individuals or organizations that concur in your recommendation and that they will support both the nomination and the event. They are encouraged to write letters of support as well.

Nominations due by: May 1, 2016

Send nominations to:
ANN KLEIN ADVOCATE AWARDS COMMITTEE
c/o Community Health Law Project
185 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

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NEW JERSEY'S LEGAL AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
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Nominee: _____
Company: _____ Title: _____
Address : _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Nominator: _____
Relationship to nominee: _____
Company: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Summary of nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations:
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Explanation of why nominee is worthy of receiving an Ann Klein Advocate Award: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Other supporting information: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Please mail letters of nomination by May 1, 2016 to:

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Ann Klein Advocate Award Honorees

2015

Kathy Collins, LCSW, Executive Director, MonmouthCares, Inc.
John V. Jacobi, Dorothea Dix Professor of Health Law & Policy, Seton Hall Law School
Denise J. Pipersburgh, Esq., Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC
Wardell Sanders, Esq., President, New Jersey Association of Health Plans
Janet Sharma, Chair, Hurricane Sandy Long-Term Recovery Committee; CEO (Retired) Volunteer Center of Bergen County

2014

Christopher C. Botta, Esq., Mayor, Borough of Ramsey
Vicky DeRosa, Founder & CEO, V Well Health
Rev. Robert F. Keating, Executive Director & Founder, The Center in Asbury Park, Inc.
MWW Public Relations/Public Affairs
Krystal L. Odell, Director of Supportive Services Pennrose Management Company & President/CEO, PennReach
Betty Redman, LPN, CPRP, Manager Learning Recovery Center of Wildwood, Collaborative Support Programs of NJ

2013

Dr. Cyrus J. Amato, Medical Coordinator NJ Institute for Craniofacial Surgery, St. Barnabas Medical Center
Canine Companions for Independence
Neeta Das, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, President/CEO, Progressive Comprehensive Services, LLC
Gibbons P.C.
Elaine K. Meyerson, LSW, ACSW, DVS Executive Director, Shelter Our Sisters
Lawrence N. Meyerson, Ed.D., J.D. Rubenstein, Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli, Conte & Bern, PA
Stuart P. Milsten, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Cheshire Home

2012

Thomas Baffuto, Executive Director, The Arc of New Jersey Borough of Closter, NJ
Robert L. Parker, CEO, NewBridge Services
Tenants of Orchard Commons & The Roberts House

2011

Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW, Executive Director, National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health
Kessler Foundation, West Orange, NJ
Ed Murphy, Executive Director, The Supportive Housing Association of NJ
Shirley B. Whitenack, Esq., Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP

2010

Robert D. Laurino, Esq., Immediate Past President, The Arc of Essex County
Arlene Romoff, President, Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, Author: "Hear Again Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant"
Ciro A. Scaleria, Director of Public Affairs for Verizon New Jersey
William J. Sette, President and CEO, Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ

2009

Bruce A. Bird, Ph.D., Immediate Past President, The Arc of New Jersey
Mary Lynne Reynolds, MPA, Mental Health Association in Southwestern NJ
William A. B. Ditto, Director, NJ Division of Disability Services
Carmela Lunt, Founder and President, Community Hope, Inc.

2008

Jim Dieterle, AARP NJ State Director, AARP NJ
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq., The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation
William R. Testa, The Arc/Morris Chapter
Dominic M. Ursino, NJ Institute for Disabilities / Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County

2007

Theodore A. Kastner, MD, MS, Developmental Disabilities Health Alliance, Inc.
William M. Lang III, The Lang Foundation
Joseph A. Masciandaro, Care Plus NJ

2006

Bonnie Evans, Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation
Hon. John F. McKeon, Member, NJ General Assembly
Beverly Roberts, The Arc of NJ
Michael Smith, Meadowlands Sports Complex
William Waldman, Rutgers, School of Social Work

2005

Robert N. Davison, MHA of Essex County
James M. Oleske, MD, MPH, UMDNJ
Paul A. Potito, COSAC
Hon. Joseph F. Vitale, Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

2004

Sylvia Axelrod, NAMI-NJ
Barbara B. Comerford, Esq., Disability Law Specialist
Stuart D. Cook, M.D., UMDNJ
Amy B. Mansue, Children's Specialized Hospital
Louis Paparozzi, Monmouth County

2003

Carolyn Beauchamp, MHANJ
Sandra L. Harris, Ph.D., Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center
Eric M. Joice, Epilepsy Foundation of NJ
Michael T. Mooney, Paper Mill Playhouse
The Seeing Eye, Inc.

2002

Maureen Babula, The Arc of New Jersey
Hon. Jack Fay, Former State Senator and State Ombudsman for Institutionalized Elderly
Richard Nead, Jr., CDRS, Kessler Institute
Miklos Salgo, MD, PhD, Hoffmann-LaRoche
Debra L. Wentz, PhD, NJAMHA
Richard W. West, Disability Advocate

2001

Marilyn Askin, AARP NJ
Judith Banas, Collaborative Support Programs of NJ
Alexander A. Buono, Monmouth County Office on the Disabled
John Candelmo, Borough of Edgewater
Borough of Edgewater
Patricia C. Kloser, UMDNJ Medical School

2000

Douglas S. Compton, Scientist & Advocate for the Treatment & Prevention of Autism
Gerard M. Gannon, Innovator of Programs for the Employment & Housing of People with Disabilities
Alvin D. Hersh, Advocate for the Legal Rights of People with Developmental Disabilities
Sally Tanenbaum, United Association of Handicapped Citizens

1999

Frank Carragher, The Arc of Union County
James Lape, Elizabeth General Hospital
Hon. Alexander Menza, Judge & State Senator
Seeking Ways Out Together Team, Self Help for Developmentally Disabled

1998

Joseph L. Dimino, The Arc of Essex County
Cathy Kuttner, University Behavioral Health Care/UMDNJ
Harriet W. Rothfeld, Special Education Attorney
Peter B. Ruprecht, Drive Master Co., Inc.
Hon. William A. "Pat" Schubert, Bergen County Executive

1997

Dorothy Cantor, Psychologist
Herbert Hinkle, Esq., Disability Law Specialist
Patricia Ann Murphy, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Patricia Nagle, Rutgers -- School of Social Work
M. Nicolai Nielsen, MD, InHealth Associates