



Annual Journey of Dreams Benefit

Award Nomination Form

*"When we are dreaming alone it is only a dream.
When we are dreaming with others,
it is the beginning of reality."*

-Dom Helder Camara

Parent to Parent of Miami's Annual Journey of Dreams Benefit Awards

OVERVIEW

Established in 1986, Parent to Parent of Miami is a not for profit organization that provides information, peer support, educational training, coaching, and advocacy to families of children and adults with disabilities. Our parent network is comprised of over 14,000 families throughout Miami-Dade County.

Inspired by the calls of the families served every year, we started a planning committee to explore the options for this very important fundraiser. With a compassionate team of employees, board members and volunteers Parent to Parent of Miami launched its Inaugural *Journey of Dreams Benefit* on November 19th, 2004.

Why Journey of Dreams? As parents of children with disabilities, we all have the dream they will be successful, happy and accepted by others in the community. The journey is ongoing, different for every family but when the dream is fulfilled the possibilities are endless!

Miami-Dade County is home to more than 37,000 students with disabilities and every parent has a Journey of Dreams for each of them. We know that there are many parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and other professionals that work endlessly every day to help students and families with their journey. We ask you to think about those you know at the local, state or national level that have made a difference in the life of a child or adult with a disability and nominate an everyday hero today!

Our *Journey of Dreams Benefit* is our signature fundraising event to celebrate, recognize and honor community members whose vision, leadership and perseverance have significantly contributed to improving the lives of children and adults with disabilities and their families. Individuals are honored in the following categories:

Excellence in Family Advocacy Award is bestowed upon an individual dedicated to promoting policies and practices that strengthen family unity.

IMPACT Award is bestowed to an individual who Inspires, Motivates, Promotes, Advocates, and through Community involvement became a Transformational leader.

Family Empowerment Award is bestowed upon a parent or caregiver who has accessed the services provided by Parent to Parent of Miami and as a result enriched their life with the knowledge and support necessary to improve their child's and family's outcomes.

Recipients will be honored at the annual Journey of Dreams Benefit.

PAST HONOREES : Carole Fox Abbott (FDLRS-South), Betty Alonso (Dade Community Foundation), Brucie Ball (M-DCPS), Jill Brookner (M-DCPS), Jeb Bush (former Governor of Florida), Bill Fauerbach (Publix), Jackie Gonzalez (Miami Children's Hospital), Iliana C. Hernandez (FDLRS-South), Paula S. Lalinde (U of M Mailman Center), David Lawrence, Jr. (The Children's Trust), Judy Mezey (Dave & Mary Alper JCC), Jack Patterson (Parent Advocate), Trudy Petkovich (Kids Hope United), Jose Roza (Miami Children's Hospital) and Dr. Judith L. Schaechter (University of Miami), Roni Bader-Tables (M-DCPS), Janet Bell Taylor (Miami Children's Hospital), Dr. Moises Simpson (Miami Children's Hospital), Modesto E. Abety (The Children's Trust), Bambi J. Lockman (Florida Department of Education), Patricia Mederos, Delia C. Garcia (FIU), Rosa L. Jones (FIU), Kevin Mintz (Harvard Student), Stephanie Mintz, Kathy Vergara (Director Debbie School), Burt Harris & Chris Harris, Dr. Silvia B. Fajardo Hiriart, Dr. Martin Hiriart, Professor Laverne Pinkney, Dr. Diana M. Valle-Riestra, Dr. Angel L. Rodriguez, Cecilia Elizalde, Dr. Randall Groh, Shelly Baer, Miriam Tellez, Vivian Gonzalez, Barbara Lopez-Avila and Silvia Planas-Prats (Miami is Kind), Lauren Bustos, James Haj (The Children's Trust), Ileana Plata, Honorable Raquel Regalado (Miami Dade Commissioner), Haley Moss (Self-Advocate), Ana Laura dos Santos Lara (Parent Advocate).

The Honoree Committee is charged with reviewing the nominations and selecting the honorees.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION: On behalf of your nominee, thank you for taking the time to submit this nomination. Please fill out all of the fields on the subsequent pages detailing the achievements of the nominee and submit the nomination before the deadline as indicated on the nomination form and/or website.

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NOMINATED BY:

Name _____ Title _____

Affiliation _____

How do you know the Nominee? _____

Your Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____

NOMINEE:

Name _____ Title _____

Affiliation _____

Nominee's Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

E-Mail Address _____ Fax Number _____

AWARD CATEGORY (check one):

Excellence in Family Advocacy

IMPACT

Family Empowerment

NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Dr. _____ should be considered for the 2022 Journey of Dreams Award. The more detailed the information, the easier it will be for the reviewers to make their numerical evaluations of the nominee's achievements. However, please limit to a two-page narrative, single spaced (10 font or larger, 1" margins).

Note: The five evaluation categories are listed on the next page.

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3. Describe examples of your nominee's innovative and forward thinking approaches that have resulted in improved services for children and adults with special needs and their families. (20 points)

4. Describe how your nominee incorporates empowering advocacy and leadership practices that promote parent involvement that leads to improved child and family outcomes. (20 points)

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5. Please describe how the nominee encourages others to take on leadership roles that benefit children and adults with special needs. (20 points)

Mail, E-mail or Fax this information to:

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Disclaimer: Current Board Members and Staff of Parent to Parent of Miami are not eligible.
