Philadelphia Intellectual disAbility Services and the Public Awareness Committee invite you to submit a nomination for a community member who makes a difference in the lives of others. Help us celebrate the 23rd Annual, My City, My Place: Brighter Futures Awards by acknowledging those in the community who exemplify our motto: IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY!

The Brighter Futures Awards are for individuals from all walks of life: neighbors, people with disAbilities, teachers, friends, family, employers, co-workers, spiritual leaders, civic groups/organizations, self advocates, medical professionals, business men and women who are not employed by provider agencies.

We are looking for people who:

- Assist people with intellectual disAbilities to have control over their own lives by making real choices: working, playing, worshiping, enjoying friends, loving relationships and participating in the community.
- Support others to be self determined, realizing their goals and dreams.
- Are Self-advocates and are examples of self determination and who live everyday lives.
- Neighbors, businesses or organizations that welcome and include all people
- Individuals who support overall health and wellness (Using the Eight Dimensions of Wellness) and are not employed by provider agencies.

The categories from the Wellness Wheel below may seem very specific but we encourage you to send in your nomination even if you are not sure that it fits in one of the 8 wellness domains listed. We are very interested in those who exemplify the Everyday Lives Principles and who support individuals with an Intellectual disAbility to have everyday lives and live inclusively in the community.

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Please check the category that would apply. Nominations are not limited to the examples given.

- **SOCIAL**: This person helps individuals with Intellectual disAbilities develop a sense of connection, belonging and a well-developed support system. Consider those who are able to promote communication particularly with those who may be non-verbal. (Examples: community group leaders, friends & companions)

- **SPIRITUAL**: This person helps individuals with Intellectual disAbilities find or expand their sense of purpose and meaning in life. (Example: worship leaders, choirs, prayer & youth groups, shuttle drivers, meditation groups)

- **OCCUPATIONAL**: This person, (employer or co-worker) helps individuals with Intellectual disAbilities feel personal satisfaction with their work and creates/provides enrichment in the work environment. This person promotes full pay and meaningful work. (Note: Job coaches would be eligible for Points of Transformation not Brighter Futures). (Example: worksite colleagues, natural supports)

- **PHYSICAL**: This person recognizes the need for and promotes recreation, nutrition/diet, dental and all physical health for individuals with Intellectual disAbilities. (Example: recreation leaders, wellness centers)

- **INTELLECTUAL**: This person recognizes the creative abilities of individuals with Intellectual disAbilities and finds ways to expand their knowledge and skills. (Example: teachers, tutors, mentors, parent advocates)

- **ENVIRONMENTAL**: This person promotes good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well being. (Example: sport coaches, gardeners, recycling, Mural Arts)

- **EMOTIONAL**: This person assists individuals with Intellectual disAbilities with coping effectively with life and creating satisfying emotional relationships. (Example: Big Brother, Big Sister, Certified Peer Specialists)

- **FINANCIAL**: This person assists in providing information for individuals with Intellectual disAbilities and works to help them understand and feel satisfied with their current and future financial situation. (Example: Local banks, Pro Bono work, paralegals, financial training)

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 30, 2015**

Thank you for your nomination. We look forward to seeing you on March 13, 2015
The Selection Committee looks for detailed information: Tell us why your nominee is an outstanding example and what they do to make a difference in someone's life and how they do it? Please choose one category per nomination. More than one person can nominate the same person. Use additional paper to support your nomination if needed.

I nominate: _________________________________________________________________

Agency/Business/Affiliation (if any) ______________________________________________

Home address, city, state, zip: ___________________________________________________

Phone-cell____________________________ Email: _________________________________

What did the nominee do to exercise choice or support others to make choices in their lives? Please give examples.

How did the nominee participate in the community or support inclusion of others? How did the nominee contribute to the community?

Why is this person extraordinary? Tell us their story:

Your name____________________________________ Email_________________________

Relationship to nominee: ________________________ Cell#______________________

Agency/Business/Affiliation and address: ___________________________________________

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