



2011aaidd Region X Heroes Amongst Us

Hello, AAIDD Community:

I am pleased to share an exciting event, "Heroes Amongst Us" that the Board of Directors of Northeast Region X has planned for November 7, 2011 in beautiful Mystic, Connecticut. Please refer to the attached document for in-depth details concerning the event, registration, and our nominations process for seeking award recipients.

Any member or friend of AAIDD is welcome to attend! Also, we are seeking nominations for Heroes (categories are listed in the attachment) with a deadline of September 23, 2011. Nominees for awards must either live or work in Region X (New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Quebec and Maritime Provinces). Nominees need not be members of AAIDD but would be expected to attend the event on November 7th in Mystic. People submitting nominations on behalf of someone are not required to live or work in the region so please submit nominations if you know "Heroes" in our region.

Should you have any questions or thoughts, feel free to contact us at aaiddheroes@creativeworksystems.com.

Thank you,

Michael Bloom, President, AAIDD Northeast Region X



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Awards Nomination Information

Nominations are now open for individuals you believe exemplify the spirit of engagement with, and for, people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.



Perhaps it's your neighbor making certain that church is a welcome retreat after a quiet week. Maybe it's that young person you know who simply takes joy and personal pride in helping a person navigate the local grocery store. Or it's the professional you most admire who persevered to improve and enhance the service system in order to best meet new challenges.

Obviously there are many heroes. Let us all know who they are.

**Honor them through your nomination to the Region X aaidd Heroes Amongst Us.
Nominations must be submitted by September 23, 2011.**

And then join us November 7, 2011 in Mystic, Connecticut to celebrate the Heroes of 2011 for their contributions to people with Disabilities everywhere.



2011 Heroes Amongst Us AWARD NOMINATIONS

Region X

Nominations are now open for individuals you believe exemplify the spirit of engagement with, and for, people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Please return nominations by Friday, September 23, 2011 and join us for the Heroes of 2011 celebration on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Unsung Hero: an individual whose daily service and action impacts those within the disability community.

- Offers service above the ordinary
- Makes a difference in the lives of people with disabilities that surpass their job criteria
- Widely recognized as someone who impacts the lives of people with disabilities
- Hasn't received the recognition he/she deserves

Everyday Hero: a person with a disability who gives back in inspiring ways.

- Someone who has contributed to the community beyond what is ordinary or expected
- Benefits others
- Makes a difference
- Fills a need
- Sets an example

Rising Hero: an up and coming professional who is already starting to make an imprint.

- A person who has been in the disability service sector for less than two years
- Has contributed in a significant way through directly impacting the lives of people with disabilities
- Motivates others

Innovation Hero: an individual or organization providing innovative solutions to today's disability problems.

- Initiates or creates innovative solutions
- Motivates others
- Sets a new standard

Organizational Hero: an organization that is making a significant contribution to services and leadership.

- Leads on an ongoing basis
- Is a role model
- Goes beyond the usual scope of similar organizations
- Solves problems or sets new standards

All nominations are reviewed by an independent committee. Selection is based on a thoughtful evaluation of the contributions and accomplishments of the nominees. Your participation is important! Please reflect on the attributes of your colleagues and nominate them for the category that you feel most exemplifies their contributions. Please have your nominations in by **Friday, September 23, 2011**. And thank you for honoring a Hero in your midst. It's important.

Your name (nominator): _____
address: _____

Nominator's email

Nominator's State or Province: _____
number: _____

Nominator's phone

Your Hero's Name: _____
Organization: _____

Your Hero's

Number of Years Your Hero has been in the Field: _____

Your Hero's location: _____

Role of Your Hero (if individual):

Family Member **Direct Service Professional** **Community Member**

Other:

Award Category:

- Unsung Hero**
- Everyday Hero**
- Rising Hero**
- Innovation Hero**
- Organizational Hero**

Please fully outline your Hero's contributions and achievements. Use specific examples, based on the award criteria, to show how your Hero has met and exceeded expectations. The review committee makes its decisions based on the information provided so please include all relevant details. To be considered, your hero must live or work in **aaidd** Region X geographic area, which includes Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces. If you'd like to submit more than one nomination, please use one form for each nominee.

Description: _____

Questions? Email aaiddheroes@creativeworksystems.com

Submit your nomination by Friday, September 23 to:

Email: aaiddheroes@creativeworksystems.com

Mail: aaidd heroes c/o Creative work Systems, 619 Brighton Ave, Portland, Maine 04102

