



**January 2017**

**The Arc Maryland Annual Awards Program**

Every organization needs a time of celebration. A moment set aside for reflection and thanks, to honor outstanding achievements. **The Arc Maryland Awards Program** is designed to recognize those individuals, groups, and local chapters of The Arc whose contributions in the field of developmental disabilities represent meritorious service or achievement and warrant special statewide recognition.

**Nominations for Annual Awards must be received by Friday,  
March 1, 2017.**

Awards will be presented during The Arc Maryland Convention on Friday, June 2, 2017. For more information, contact The Arc Maryland at (410) 571-9320 or [Ichandler@thearcmd.org](mailto:Ichandler@thearcmd.org).

**The Arc Maryland Mission Statement**

**The Arc Maryland works to create a world where children and adults  
with intellectual and developmental disabilities have and  
enjoy equal rights and opportunities.**

Award honorees will be selected based on The Arc's Position Statements and our mission. To obtain a copy of The Arc's Position Statements, go to [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org).



## 2017 AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

**Submit to:**

The Arc Maryland  
130 Lubrano Drive, Suite 212  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Email: [ljchandler@thearcmd.org](mailto:ljchandler@thearcmd.org) or Fax: (410) 974-6021

**EMAIL OR FAX NOMINATION BY: March 1, 2017**

**NAME OF AWARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING OF NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON PLAQUE)**

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual or Organization/representative)

**ON BEHALF OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURE OF SERVICE OR ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Please describe in no more than 300 words, the nature of activity and contribution for which the individual/organization merits recognition by The Arc Maryland. Endorsements of awards nominations by other individuals or organizations or materials supporting the nomination are encouraged but not required. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

## **THE ARC MARYLAND AWARD PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

The Awards Program celebrates the mission and accomplishments of the Association through recognizing and honoring individuals and organizations that further the Association's mission and goals. To build greater cohesiveness and continuity with that mission, the Awards Program is designed to reflect the Association's mission statement, priority goals, and state and national Arc position statements.

### **1. Legacy Award**

This award is presented on those occasions where the individual's lifetime work leaves a legacy for the future and mission of The Arc.

### **2. The Lorraine Sheehan-Bernard A. Gould Award for Volunteer Governmental Affairs Service**

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service in governmental affairs in one or more of the Association's priority goals. This award will be conferred at such times as the Awards Committee feels warranted to only those candidates whose contributions have been exceptional.

### **3. Outstanding Advocate of the Year Award**

This award is presented for advocacy leadership on behalf of persons with I/DD and their families, including systemic change, legal advocacy and professional endeavors that increase the rights of persons with I/DD to inclusive lives.

### **4. School Inclusion Award**

This award recognizes a school, teacher, educator, administrator, support personnel, or other education professional who has demonstrated excellence in providing quality inclusive educational opportunities for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities, reflective of The Arc position on education and inclusion of students with developmental disabilities. This may include early education, secondary education and higher education.

### **5. Employer of the Year**

This Employer of the Year is presented to a private employer, business or firm with an exceptional record and ongoing commitment to provide competitive employment opportunities where people with I/DD are paid market wages and benefits.

**6. Media Excellence Award**

This award honors outstanding media efforts that create better understanding of intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with I/DD. The award recognizes public media stories, reports and programs in television, radio, newspapers and magazines. Copies of the product must be submitted. The media effort(s) must have been broadcast or published during the last 12-month period.

**7. Stanley S. Sidle/William Ohge, Jr. Memorial Citizenship Award**

This award honors an individual with intellectual/developmental disabilities for outstanding participation in or contribution to the community, including community leadership, contribution to his/her community and/or self-advocacy. This award carries a \$100.00 stipend provided by the Stanley S. Sidle Memorial Fund of The Arc Baltimore.

**8. Professional of the Year**

This award recognizes an executive or manager employed in a non-Arc community service program or professional endeavor of direct relevance to intellectual/developmental disabilities who has demonstrated sensitivity and the ability to provide outstanding quality which results in increased independence and inclusive lives for people with I/DD. The recipient may demonstrate excellence in any of the following areas: residential supports, family support, individual supports, employment supports, behavior intervention or prevention. Staff of The Arc at any level are not eligible.

**9. Professional of the Year for Direct Service**

This award recognizes a professional engaged in direct supports to people with I/DD. The award is presented to a non-Arc professional (aside from teachers/educators) employed in a community service program or professional endeavor of direct relevance to I/DD and who has demonstrated sensitivity and the ability to provide outstanding quality that results in increased independence and inclusion of people with I/DD. Staff of The Arc at any level are not eligible for this award.

**10. The Arc Outstanding Employee of the Year  
- Administration/Program Management**

This award is presented to The Arc employee in Administration/ Program Management at the state or local level who has made the greatest contribution

to his/her organization and the mission of The Arc through both personal and professional efforts. This award recognizes the vital role of Arc employees in complementing volunteer efforts.

**11. The Arc Outstanding Employee of the Year: Gilbert John Zucchi**  
**Direct Care Award**

This award is presented to a staff person of The Arc engaged in direct supports to people with I/DD who exemplifies the qualities of Gil Zucchi: superior moral strength and integrity, devotion to individuals with developmental disabilities beyond the call of duty, warm personal relationships, respect, thoughtfulness and fairness in relationships with persons with developmental disabilities. This award is presented to The Arc employee in Direct Care at the state or local level who has made the greatest contribution to his/her organization and the mission of The Arc through both personal and professional efforts. This award recognizes the vital role of Arc employees in complementing volunteer efforts.

**12. Certificate of Appreciation/Meritorious Service**

This award conveys official appreciation from the Association to an individual(s) and organization that has made a significant contribution or achievement in the field of developmental disabilities on a voluntary or employed basis. The activity should reflect one of the priority goals of The Arc Maryland and its mission. Up to three certificates will be awarded. (Additional awards may be presented if warranted by extraordinary circumstances.)

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – Chapters of The Arc Eligible Only**

**13. Per Capita Membership Award**

This award is made on an annual rotating basis to the local Arc chapter that has achieved the highest number of members per 1,000 of population, based on the most recent population figures accepted by the State of Maryland. This award is not subject to the nomination process.

**14. Chapter Volunteer of the Year**

Each chapter (including The Arc Maryland and local chapters) is invited to submit ONE nomination who demonstrates dedication to The Arc's Mission through volunteer service to The Arc and persons with I/DD. These nominations are reviewed by The Arc Maryland Executive Committee.

### **Other Awards**

These awards may be presented as deemed by The Arc Maryland Executive Committee and Awards Committee and are not subject to the public nomination process:

- **Legislator of the Year** – selected by the Chair(s) of The Arc Maryland Governmental Affairs Committee and Executive Director and affirmed by the Executive Committee.
- **President's Cup** – selected by the President of The Arc Maryland.