



2021 SLI Annual Awards

Wednesday, September 29 • 5:30 pm

*Topeka Zoo
Security Benefit Pavilion*

Nominate Deserving SLI Staff!

The SLI Annual Awards recognizes staff and clients who have excelled throughout the year. Do you know someone who deserves recognition and exemplifies the SLI mission? Nominate them for one of SLI's Awards!

How to Nominate

Please fill out the form online at www.slitopeka.org/events/annual-awards/nomination or fill out this form and email to swarta@slitopeka.org. You are more than welcome to complete more than one nomination form. Nominations will be reviewed by Lisa Jackson, President/CEO of SLI.

Nominating Guidelines

Leadership Award:

This award recognizes an SLI employee who has consistently exemplified the SLI mission in their daily work to enhance the lives of people with disabilities, has taught others purposefully and through example, has gone above and beyond their job description and is a role model for the organization. The Leadership Award winner will receive \$150 in appreciation.

Sara's Hope Award:

Sara Ratzenberger was employed at SLI as a Community Living Director and a Quality Improvement Director between the years of 2005-2012. There are constant challenges faced by staff working in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and few who can lead others through those challenges to find solutions, overcome barriers, remain positive and uplifted and have hope. Sara was one of those few. By definition, hope is an optimistic attitude of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes. People who are hopeful approach life by setting goals, finding ways to achieve their goals, believing that they can create change and believing in the good in others. Sara was a hopeful person. Even when she was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer, Sara remained hopeful. In loving memory of their daughter and in honor of an SLI staff person who displays Sara's hopeful qualities, Sara's parents have set up a fund to start the Sara's Hope Award which will be given annually beginning this year. The Sara's Hope Award winner will receive \$250 in appreciation.

**NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, AUGUST 23!**

Name of person you are nominating: _____

_____ Leadership Award

_____ Sara's Hope

Describe and be specific why you are nominating this person. Use examples of why this person qualifies for the award.

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Your Name: _____

Date: _____

☐ I give permission to share with the nominee

☐ Please keep my nomination anonymous