



Thursday, November 7, 2024

5:30 PM Doors Open

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Award Nominations: June 17th – July 19th

RSVP Required

Tickets \$25 each

\$275 for Sponsorship Table (priority seating for 8)

Ticket sales September 9th – October 11th

The Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) will host the *Together WE Can Dinner & Awards on **Thursday, November 7, 2024***. This biennial event was established to recognize the people, businesses, and organizations who promote the concept of a Community Without Barriers. Awards in five categories are presented at this event.

THE HELEN HOOVER KLINGLER COMMITMENT AWARD:

2013 award winner: Kathleen Cannon

2014 award winner: Sarah Winters

2017 award winner: Kay Stickdorn

2019 award winner: Dan Sechkar

2022 award winner: Ken Yuchasz

2024 award winner:

The Helen Hoover Klingler Commitment Award was established in honor of the late Helen Hoover Klingler who dedicated many years of service to what was then known as the “MR/DD” field. With the support of other parents, Helen established the Happy Hour School. The first class of Happy Hour School was held in September 1960. There were 12 students and one teacher located in the Junction City Elementary School building. The Perry County Council, established in the summer of 1960, raised the funds for this class by solicitations, donations, and special projects. Part of the transportation was furnished by parents, supplies were donated, and the facility was available free of charge. Candidates nominated for this award should exhibit similar qualities as the late Helen Hoover Klingler: knowledge, principles, lifelong advocate, leadership, commitment, and dedication to the DD program and community.

Criteria Details:

- The nominee carries out their responsibilities professionally and collaboratively, providing excellent service to all those with whom they work and provide supports to.
- The nominee serves as chair of a committee or affiliate organization (past/present).
- The nominee actively participates in PCBDD’s agency, community program(s), as a mentor, volunteer, and/or leader.
- The nominee is dedicated, mindful and approaches life with a positive attitude.
- The nominee takes initiative in their efforts and often going above and beyond what is required.

THE DEBBIE KING CHARACTER AWARD:

2013 award winner: Morgan Deavers

2014 award winner: Danny Miller

2017 award winner: Cassandra Bolyard

2019 award winner: Robby Reed

2022 award winner: Doane Livingstone

2024 award winner:

The Debbie King Character Award is given to a person to recognize the recipient’s contribution as a self-advocate in Perry County. The award honors Debbie King in remembrance of her courage as a self-advocate and someone who was determined to support and defend people with disabilities. Debbie participated in many activities within PCBDD and was the driving force behind the start of PCBDDs advocacy group. Candidates nominated for this award shall demonstrate similar character traits and qualities of the late Debbie King such as: dedication and integrity, being consistent, committed, and a caring, determined promoter of leadership in our community.

Criteria Details:

- Tell us why this person should win an award for being a determined self-advocate.
- How has this person made a significant contribution to through a community leadership group?
- What type of self-advocacy/leadership related groups has this person been involved with?
- Do you feel this person has reached a new level of independence through their involvement with PCBDD and other related groups?

THE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AWARD:

2013 award winner: Perry County Health Department

2014 award winner: Perry County Tribune

2017 award winner: Allwell Behavioral Health Services

2019 award winner: Hopewell Health Center, Early Childhood

2022 award winner: Mount Aloysius Corp.

2024 award winner:

The Community Collaboration Award is given to a business or community organization that exemplifies the actions set forth in the PCBDD mission “*making connections to promote abilities and enrich lives*”. Businesses and/or community organizations nominated for this award partner with PCBDD through collaboration and resourceful efforts to better the lives of people with disabilities in Perry County.

Criteria Details:

- The nominee should be a current or former collaborating business or community organization of the PCBDD.
- The business or community organization must service the residents of Perry County.
- List any activities, accomplishments, and contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate the criteria in the award description.
- Any other information you want to share about how the nominee connects to the PCBDD mission of “making connections to promote abilities and enrich lives”.

THE PCBDD ‘INSPIRE BY EXAMPLE’ VOLUNTEER AWARD:

2013 award winner: Dean and Teresa Stevenson

2014 award winner: Judge Luann Cooperrider

2017 award winners: Steve and Belinda Lee

2019 award winner: Dave Horn, Dave’s Feed and Seed

2022 award winner: Scott Pfettscher, Somerset Church

2024 award winner:

The PCBDD ‘Inspire by Example’ Outstanding Volunteer Award is designed to recognize a person or family who has gone above and beyond to help promote awareness or provide services and supports to children or adults with developmental disabilities. Candidates nominated for this award should have dedicated time and support to helping volunteer and serve as a champion for people with disabilities by demonstrating a commitment to service our agency and the community.

Criteria Details:

- List a brief history of service and/or volunteer activities.
- Include # or hours and frequency of service, as well as what motivates them.
- Describe nominee’s outstanding volunteer service(s). Explain how the nominee accomplished their desired results.
- Describe the need for the nominee’s service.
- Describe the difference made by the nominee’s service and the impact to their agency or community and people with disabilities.

THE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD:

2017 award winner: ALA Leadership Award Greg Holbert

2019 award winner: Cheryl Boley, Director of Perry County Job and Family Services

2022 award winner: Casey Coffey, Superintendent of New Lexington City Schools

2024 award winner:

The Visionary Leadership Award was established and was initiated as a collaborative leadership award. The purpose of this award recognizes extraordinary leadership within our local communities. Candidates nominated for this award shall demonstrate the highest level of integrity and dedication to leadership. This recipient of this award adds value and enriches the lives of people by instilling passion in those around them to make our schools, our workforce, and our communities better.

Criteria Details:

- Share how the nominee collaborates well with other people, peers, and organizations.
- The nominee is reflective on experiences to support leadership efforts for the present and future.
- Explain how this person/organization brings innovative ideas forward and to fruition.
- How is this person/organization regarded as demonstrating high levels of integrity and ethical behavior?
- Describe how the nominee moves change forward and demonstrates effective communication in leadership.

THE LEADER IN EXCELLENCE AWARD:

2017 award winner: Janis Reed

2019 award winner: Ashley Wollenberg

2022 award winner: Jenna Ward

2024 award winner:

The Leader in Excellence Award was designed to recognize a PCBDD employee who supports the PCBDD mission, establishes positive relationships with others, including people supported by PCBDD and the Perry County Community, personal integrity and professional ethical conduct, leads, empowers, and inspires others by setting a positive example, is reliable and accountable with communication and follow through is a cooperative team player who shows personal growth and promotes it in others, has a passion for their job and goes above and beyond to be kind, show support, or help others while appropriately balancing the roles and responsibilities of their own position.

Criteria Details:

- Only permanent full-time or permanent part-time employees are eligible to be nominated.
- Nominations are reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team.
- Final candidate selection is determined by the Superintendent.
- Knowledge and support of the PCBDD mission
- Positive relationships with others, including people supported by PCBDD and the Perry County Community
- Personal integrity and professional ethical conduct
- Leads, empowers, and inspires by setting a positive example
- Reliable and accountable with communication and follow through
- Cooperative team player
- Shows personal growth and promotes it in others
- Displays a passion for their job and goes above and beyond to be kind, show support, or help others while appropriately balancing the roles and responsibilities of their own position.