



Doors Open: 5:15 PM
Dinner & Awards Ceremony: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Award Nominations: June 15th – July 7th
Ticket Sales: August 31st – October 2nd
RSVP Required, Tickets \$30 each
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The Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) will host the Together WE Can Dinner & Awards on **Thursday, November 5, 2026**. 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: Melissa Marolt
2026 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: Bryan Meyer
2026 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 PCBDD’s 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 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: Lisa Gormley, MVESC
2026 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 align within 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”.
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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, former owner Dave’s Feed & Seed

2022 award winner: Scott Pfettscher, Somerset Church of Christ
2024 award winner: Lora Harvey
2026 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 to our agency and the community.

Criteria Details:

- List a brief history of service and/or volunteer activities.
 - Include time commitment of service, as well as what motivates them.
 - Describe nominee’s outstanding volunteer service(s). Explain how the nominee accomplished their desired results, and the need for the service.
 - Describe the difference made by the nominee’s service and the impact to their agency or community and people with disabilities.
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THE JUSTIN GALL VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD:

2017 award winner: ALA Leadership Award, Greg Holbert
2019 award winner: Cheryl Boley, Perry County JFS
2022 award winner: Casey Coffey, Superintendent of New Lexington
New Lexington City Schools

2024 award winner: Sally Francis, Retired Educator, former
PCBDD Boad of Directors President
2026 award winner:

The Justin Gall Visionary Leadership Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates extraordinary leadership within our local community and exemplifies the highest standards of integrity, dedication, and service. Nominees inspire others through their vision, passion, and commitment to inclusive leadership, adding value to the lives of people by strengthening schools, the workforce, and the broader community. In the spirit of Justin Gall’s legacy, recipients embrace all abilities, work to remove barriers, lead positive cultural change, and challenge those around them to strive for better outcomes each day. This award honors leaders whose work enriches lives and whose impact continues beyond their role through collaboration, compassion, and purpose-driven leadership.

Criteria Details:

- Share how the nominee collaborates well with other people, peers, and organizations.
- Explain how the nominee reflects on experiences to inform leadership efforts in the present and future.
- Share how the nominee brings innovative ideas forward and successfully puts them into action.
- Describe how the nominee demonstrates high levels of integrity and ethical behavior.
- Explain how the nominee moves change forward and demonstrates effective communication in leadership, promotes inclusion, removes barriers, and/or supports people of all abilities within their leadership role.