Chandler Mayor Tibshraeny's Committee for People with Disabilities **23rd Annual Recognition Awards**

This program honors individuals with disabilities, and businesses who employ such individuals, for their outstanding achievements in the community and in the workplace. Any individual or organization may nominate a candidate by completing the nomination form (attached):

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
ATTN: Recognition Awards
Mail Stop 501, P.O. Box 4008
Chandler, AZ 85244-4008
OR by fax: 480-782-2725

Completed forms must be received by *FEBRUARY 10, 2014*.
Awards will be presented by the Mayor at the February 24, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Employer of the Year

This award recognizes an employer who has successfully incorporated employees with disabilities into the workplace and business. Any individual, corporation or agency with a record of employment of people with disabilities and who meets the following criteria is eligible.

Criteria:

- At least two years of employing individuals with disabilities.
- Must be a Chandler business or agency.
- Nominee has made reasonable accommodations, provided necessary training, and has made effort to create an accessible work environment for employees with disabilities.
- Must have employed a person or persons with disabilities during 2013.

Employee of the Year

This award recognizes an employee with a disability who has overcome barriers and has excelled in the performance of his or her work. The award is based on the employee's personal achievements.

Criteria:

- Individual must work within the Chandler city limits (at least one year).
- Nominee must have been employed (part-time or full-time) during 2013.
- Nominee must be performing at an average or above average performance level in his or her place of employment.
- Nominee has demonstrated initiative and commitment in pursuing his or her professional and personal goals.

Student of the Year

This award is to recognize a student with a disability who has excelled beyond his or her apparent limitations.

Criteria:

1. Student must be a resident of Chandler (at least one year).
2. Nominee has displayed the courage to learn and grow to his or her fullest potential.
3. Student must be between the ages of 3 and 22.
4. Nominee has demonstrated the willingness to pursue and achieve personal goals despite his or her disability.

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Volunteer of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated consistent and outstanding volunteer service to people with disabilities.

Criteria:

- Nominee has contributed a needed service in the community of Chandler in 2013.
- Involvement of the nominee was active, not figurehead.
- Amount of time devoted to the activity or service was significant.
- The activity or service provided produced positive changes for individuals with disabilities.

Habilitator/Educator of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who has worked in the field of training or educating people with disabilities.

Criteria:

- Nominee has worked in the field of educating or habilitating people with disabilities in Chandler during 2013.
- Involvement of the nominee was active, not administrative..
- The work as an educator or habilitator produced positive changes for individuals with disabilities.

Nominating Procedures

- **Nominations must be filled out completely and legibly (print or type)**. Consider such things as basic reasons for nomination making sure the reasons correspond with the award category, cite examples of achievements/services, and letters of support (maximum of three).
- Individuals or groups may nominate more than one candidate. Spell the nominee's name as it should appear on the award. **Copies of the nomination form are allowed if you wish to nominate more than one individual or employer.**
- Attach pertinent supplementary information such as letters, newspaper clippings, photos, etc. (maximum of four pages).
- One nomination per category per official nomination form.
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- Awards will be given to all recipients at the February 24, 2014 City Council meeting.
- **For further information or if you require reasonable accommodations, please call Collette Prather at 480-782-2709.**

NOMINATION FORM

I. Award category: _____
(see Awards and Entry Criteria)

II. Name of Nominee: _____

Business/School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

III. Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

IV. Describe why this individual/business is being nominated for the 2012 Recognition Awards: _____

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Please attach supporting material. Use 8 1/2" x 11" paper if more space is needed for description.

V. Is nominee aware of his/her nomination? Yes_____ No _____

Nomination form must be received by FEBRUARY 10, 2014.