



# City of Hammond Mayor's Commission on Disabilities



**Dear Hammond Community Member,**

As your Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, it is our pleasure to announce the:

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Awards Breakfast  
Thursday, March 20, 2025  
8:00 am  
Dynasty Banquets  
4125 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN 46327**

The Mayor's Commission on Disabilities would be greatly honored if you would nominate someone you think deserves recognition from one of the following categories:

**Business Award  
Individual Adult Volunteer Award  
Individual Adult Award  
Youth Volunteer Award  
Youth Award  
Caregiver Award  
Charles Nagy Jr. Award  
Distinguished Honorary Award**

The purpose is to recognize youth, adults, and organizations who reach out and make a difference regardless of a disability. The Mayor's Commission on Disabilities will choose award winners.

***Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 21, 2025***

Please complete the nominee information form along with a narrative on a separate sheet of paper.

**Nomination forms can be submitted to Cynthia Rangel by:**

**Email: [rangelc@gohammond.com](mailto:rangelc@gohammond.com)**

**Fax: 219-853-6334**

**Mail: Mayor's Commission on Disabilities  
5925 Calumet Ave., Room 315  
Hammond, IN 46320**

**Matthew Muta, President  
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**

**Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Hammond**

# Nomination Form



Nomination form may be mailed to:  
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities c/o Cynthia Rangel  
5925 Calumet Ave., Room 315, Hammond, IN 46320  
Phone (219) 853-7311 or Fax (219) 853-6334

## Nominee Information

Residency Not Mandatory

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category: (One award will be given per category)  
Business Award, Individual Adult Award, Individual Adult Volunteer Award,  
Youth Volunteer Award, Youth Award, Caregiver Award, Charles Nagy Award  
and the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Distinguished Honorary Award

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### *Disability Award Category*

## Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company, Association, Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in essay form, a maximum of 4 paragraphs that explains the service that the youth or adult performs or provides. List unique contributions, special relationships and population served.

The quality and clarity of this essay is very important to the selection committee; therefore, narratives must have clarity; it should describe the individual role in which they are involved.

**Please be advised that no one can nominate himself or herself.  
Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 21, 2025.  
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**

### Disabilities Award Categories

1. **Business Award**

The business award is given to a company or public entity that gives strong support through their hiring practice of individuals regardless of their disability.

2. **Individual Adult Volunteer Award**  
An individual who gives of his/her time and service and act on his/her own free will to aid those individuals with disabilities.
3. **Individual Adult Award**  
An individual, who makes a positive impact or contribution to the disabled community in the City of Hammond, or recognition of an outstanding program geared toward adults with a disability.
4. **Youth Volunteer Award**  
A young individual who gives of his/her time and service to assist individuals with disabilities.
5. **Youth Award**  
A young individual who has conquered their disability to work in the community to make an outstanding contribution in the City of Hammond, or recognition of an outstanding program geared toward youth with a disability.
6. **Caregiver Award**  
An individual who demonstrates outstanding compassion and abilities in one-on-one caregiving for a friend or family member living with a disability. They frequently make great personal sacrifices to provide care for their loved ones, sometimes to the detriment of their own health and well-being.
7. **Charles Nagy Junior Award**  
In recognition of spirit and determination in overcoming obstacles to lead a productive life in service to the community.
8. **Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Distinguished Honorary Award**  
In memory of former Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Members Phil Venecz, Stella Guzman, Kay Pucalik, Bill Cox, and Jim Wolfe. An individual or group that goes above and beyond making a positive impact and demonstrated outstanding service to their community.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets will be available by calling 219-853-7311.  
Free tickets are available courtesy of Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.