

TuscBDD Better Together Awards Nomination Application

Purpose: The purpose of the TuscBDD Better Together Awards is to recognize and celebrate the many victories of our community partners and to honor the people and families that we have the pleasure to support. Nominations will be judged by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners. TuscBDD will host a Community Partners Pancake Breakfast in March where the awards will be presented. The awards recognize accomplishments in four categories:

Award Categories:

- **Standing Ovation Award:** This award recognizes a parent, guardian, sibling, or someone who has stepped into the role of family to tirelessly support their loved one with developmental disabilities.
- **Ripple Effect Award:** This award recognizes a Tuscarawas County business or employer for contributing to the awareness that individuals with disabilities are crucial members of the workforce and can make an amazing impact in a specific workplace and ultimately throughout the community.
- **Diamond Award:** This award recognizes an individual with developmental disabilities residing in Tuscarawas County for their fearless bravery and efforts to advocate for themselves and on behalf of others to achieve their dreams and encourage others to do the same.
- **The Better Together Award:** This award recognizes a stand-out direct support professional (DSP) working in Tuscarawas County who demonstrates a dedication to improving the lives of the people they have the pleasure to support, while also promoting independence, equity, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.

Nomination Instructions:

- Nominations should explain how the nominee has made an impact in the area in which they are nominated.
- Nominations should be detailed and provide specific examples of their accomplishments/efforts.
- Please complete the nomination form and circle the category that best describes your nominee. Along with the form, please include a one-page or less letter describing how the nominee exemplifies the category and why this nominee should win this award. Submissions will be reviewed by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners. All submissions will be reviewed as anonymous until selections are made and voting is final.
- Send completed nominations by February 27, 2023, to: ksilverthorn@tusbdd.org -or-
TuscBDD - Kerri Silverthorn
610 Commercial Avenue SW
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

TuscBDD Better Together Awards Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Contact Information (Email & Phone) of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Please circle the award category and attach a one-page or less nomination letter:

Standing Ovation Award

Ripple Effect Award

Diamond Award

Better Together Award