Awards for Excellence in Deafblindness

2015 Texas Deafblind Symposium
Mindfulness: Active Attention to the Here and Now
February 20-21, 2014

The presentation of awards to individuals whose efforts have made a significant contribution to the field of deafblindness and/or who have contributed to improving the lives of Texans with deafblindness is one of the highlights of the Texas Symposium on Deafblindness. With the 2015 Symposium just around the corner, we are asking for your help in determining who should be the recipients for 2015. Please help us by nominating individuals whom you feel should be recognized for their contributions at the 2015 Symposium. You may nominate individuals in any number of categories. The nomination form on the last page of this sheet and may be duplicated for multiple nominations.

Please complete the form(s) and mail, fax or email to:

Adam Graves
Texas Deafblind Outreach
Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired
1100 West 45th Street
Austin, TX 78756
Fax: 512-206-9320
Email: gravesa@tsbvi.edu

All nominations must be received by January 9, 2014. All nominees must be from Texas or work in Texas. A group made up of individuals with deafblindness, family members, educators, interveners, and others interested in working with individuals who are deafblind will review the nominations and select the recipients.
Award Categories

Trail Blazer Award
Given to a family member(s) who has, through their advocacy or efforts on behalf of their family member with deafblindness, blazed a trail that has made it easier for other families who follow.

Intervener Award
Given to an intervener who has demonstrated excellence in their role of support to a child with deafblindness and whose efforts have contributed to the success of the intervener model in Texas.

Marty Murrell Excellence in Education Award
Given to a professional in education who has made a long-term commitment to excellence in education for Texas students with deafblindness.

Ann Silverrain Award
Given to any individual who has made an extraordinary commitment to improving the lives of individuals with deafblindness in the Texas.

Please use the forms on the following pages to make a nomination.
Awards Nomination Form
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Your Name: _____________________________________________________

Your Daytime Phone Number: _______________________________________

Best Time to Call: _________________________________________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________

Nominee’s address: _______________________________________________________

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City: ____________________________________________________________________

Nominee’s daytime phone number: _______________________________________

Best time to call: _______________________________________________________

I would like to nominate: _____________________________________________

**Award category: (underline one)**

1. Trail Blazer Award

3. Intervener Award

2. Marty Murrell Excellence in Education Award

4. Ann Silverrain Award

*Please complete nomination on the following page*

Fax (512) 206-9320; email gravesa@tsbvi.edu or mail to:
Adam Graves c/o TSBVI Outreach, 1100 W. 45th Street, Austin, TX 78756
Please provide some background information about the individual(s) you are nominating including information about why you feel they should receive this award.

Primary reason you are nominating this person: (Use additional paper if more space is needed. Do not exceed 1 additional page.)

Give one example of a significant contribution they have made related to the field of deafblindness or to an individual with deafblindness:

Please copy this form if you wish to nominate more than one individual for an award

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