



Valley Mountain Regional Center Communitàs Award* 2017

The VMRC Communitàs Award is given annually to an individual or organization that has demonstrated a sustained and meaningful commitment on either a volunteer or professional basis, to the principle that people with developmental disabilities should live and work as full-fledged members of their home communities.

Eligibility. In order to be eligible, an individual or organization must be physically present in VMRC's five-county service area and providing support to one or more VMRC consumers during the year preceding the award. For-profit businesses and organizations as well as not-for-profit entities are eligible. Current VMRC employees are ineligible for this award.

Nominations. Nomination forms may be printed and completed by any interested person, including VMRC board members and employees. Completed nominations must be submitted to the VMRC Executive Committee by **Friday, May 26, 2017**. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

Criteria.

The organization/individual:

1. Clearly stands out among organizations, volunteers, professionals in the field of developmental disabilities.
2. Demonstrates long-term and sincere commitment to supporting people in real homes, real neighborhoods, and real jobs.
3. Has an impressive record of achievement in helping people become more independent and active participants in their home communities.

Awards. The VMRC Communitàs Award will be given only when in the judgment of the VMRC Executive Committee a worthy person or organization has been nominated, but no more often than annually, and presented at the VMRC Board Annual Meeting.

The VMRC Executive Committee will select an appropriate trophy or plaque for presentation and the awardee's name and the year will be inscribed on a permanent plaque to be maintained in the board room at the VMRC's Stockton office.

Previous recipients of the Communitàs Award are Bill Ramos (2003), Ann Cirimele (2004), Heather Brooks (2005), Donald Roberts (2006), Howard Cohen (2007), Elbert Simpson (2008), Floyd Bohnett (2009), Dr. Popplewell (2010), Dick Jacobs (2011), Krisi Franzone (2012), and Brad Putz (2013), Doreen Bestolarides, RN (2014), David Simerley (2015), and Dena Hernandez (2016).

*A Latin term meaning a relationship among equals that transcends artificial divisions based on status, age, disability or other considerations. It implies openness and lack of pretension.



Please Return by Friday, May 26, 2017

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Valley Mountain Regional Center The Community Award 2017 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Title/Position (if applicable) _____

Agency/Employer (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Email: _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Home or Office Phone Number _____

Eligibility Criteria

1. Nominee has been a resident of Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Tuolumne County for at least a year.
 Yes No Not Sure

2. Nominee has provided services to one or more persons served by VMRC for at least a year.
 Yes No Not Sure

3. Please describe how the nominee meets the award criteria and why nominee deserves special recognition. Use the following space or attach separate sheets.

Please attach any letters of support.