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The 2006 Community Builder Award

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Community Builder Award recognizes exemplary efforts to create communities that provide the respect, opportunity, and support needed by people with disabilities to live as included and valued members. The ANCOR Foundation recognizes that ultimately more than all the services in the world, it is acceptance, inclusion, and being valued and respected that creates the quality of life we all seek for people with disabilities. With this award, the ANCOR Foundation honors those who show us all how communities can be created, modified and sustained to offer people with disabilities such life experiences.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY BUILDER?

Community Builders demonstrate the following characteristics:

- A full understanding of community and the contributions that all can bring to the community.
- The benefits for all of communities that provide respect, opportunity and support for persons with disabilities so that they may play valued, included roles within the communities in which they live.
- Ways of changing communities and their organizations that result in persons with disabilities being increasingly valued and included as community members .
- Inspiring higher levels of value and commitment to the community membership and inclusion of people with intellectual, developmental and/or other disabilities.

TWO AWARD CATEGORIES

The ANCOR Foundation's Community Builder Award recognizes Community Builders in two categories: 1) service providers, and 2) communities and community organizations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any individual or provider organization that is financially compensated for support provided directly to persons with disabilities is eligible for the "Service Provider" recognition. Any individual, group or organization that is not a "service provider" is eligible for the "Community Member" recognition, including: neighborhoods, towns, states, civic and religious organizations, parks and recreation programs, businesses or business groups, intentional communities, as well as individuals or groups not acting as a formal organization whose commitments and creativity contribute to building communities that fully include and value people with disabilities.

HOW TO NOMINATE A COMMUNITY BUILDER?

Nominating "Community Builders" is simple. All you need to do is to identify and describe how your nominee is contributing to communities that include and value people with disabilities. The brief nomination form contained in this announcement helps you do that. After you complete the form, send it in by the deadline of **Monday, October 31, 2005**.

Award winners will be invited to ANCOR's *Management Practices Conference*, March 19--21, 2006 to receive the award, with expenses paid by the ANCOR Foundation.



Award Nomination Form

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN
4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2005**

Please complete all of the items below. The ANCOR Foundation Review Committee will review each nomination carefully. Please recognize that the more complete and well supported the nomination, the easier it is for the Review Committee to evaluate the merits of your nomination. You are encouraged to provide supporting documentation (e.g., articles, brochures, reports, etc.). For further information on the Community Builder Award, please call Charlie Lakin at 612-624-5005 or lakin001@umn.edu.

Please answer the following questions using a text-editing program such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect. Please submit your application in electronic form to: legerton@ancor.org followed by a physical package containing one original and 5 copies of any of your supporting materials that are not available in electronic format to the below listed address. If you do not have access to a text editing system and electronic mail, you may submit one original and 5 additional copies of the completed application and optional supporting materials to ATTN: Community Builder Award Committee, ANCOR Foundation; 1101 King Street, Suite 380, Alexandria, VA 22314.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of Community Builder: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

AWARD CATEGORY:

Service Provider (Defined as: any individual or provider organization that is financially compensated for support provided directly to persons with disabilities.)

Community Member (Defined as: Any individual, group or organization that is not a "service provider" is eligible for the "Community Member" recognition, including: neighborhoods, towns, states, civic and religious organizations, parks and recreation programs, businesses or business groups, intentional communities, as well as individuals or groups not acting as a formal organization whose commitments and creativity contribute to building communities that fully include and value people with disabilities.)

For a "**Community Member**" nomination, please indicate type (check all appropriate):

- City, Town, or State
- Religious Community
- Business or Business Organization
- Park and Recreation Program
- Local Neighborhood or Community Group
- Civic Organization
- Individual
- Other _____



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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please answer the following questions using a text-editing program such as Microsoft Word or Word Perfect.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDER (S): Provide a brief description (250-300 words) of the individual, group, or organization being nominated. Include information about the nominee, the location, and the nominee’s purpose and mission (if applicable).

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES: Provide an overview of the efforts and commitments of the nominee to create a community that provides respect, opportunity, and support for people with developmental disabilities to live as included, valued, and contributing members. Please include information about the number of persons with developmental disabilities that are affected by the actions taken. (Please try to limit this section to less than 500 words, but attach other documents or materials as appropriate.)

III. BENEFIT: Briefly describe how what has been done has affected the lives of the people with developmental disabilities in the community (250-300 words).

IV. EFFECTS ON OTHERS: Briefly describe how the activities, products, and/or efforts and commitments of the Community Builder have changed attitudes or actions more broadly than just among people directly involved (250-300 words).

V. CHALLENGES: Briefly describe (250-300 words) what challenges the nominee overcame in this effort.

VI. REPLICATION: Briefly describe whether you would consider this effort replicable and what would assist in its replication (this is not a criterion for recognition).

VII. SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Please include letters of support, news clippings, reports, videos, or other materials that you feel would assist reviewers fully understand the merits and accomplishments of the nominee.



Winners of Previous Community Builder Awards:

The winners (below) of the 2004 and 2005 Community Builder Awards demonstrated exemplary efforts to create communities that provide the respect, opportunity and support needed by people with disabilities to live as included valued members.

2004 — First ever ANCOR Foundation Community Builder Award was awarded to The Norcom Community Center.

The Norcom Community Center, a part of SPIN Inc., in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the recipient of the first ANCOR Foundation Community Builder Award. Norcom Community Center began as a sheltered workshop that came to a crossroads: take everybody out or bring the community in. They brought the community in by transforming a sheltered workshop into a comprehensive community center with a gym, weight room, cardiovascular exercise room, theatre, greenhouse, meeting rooms and snack bar. The former sheltered workshop now provides integrated activities for people with disabilities as well as jobs and key contacts with community members who utilize the facility. The community center has become a remarkable resource to its community.

Contact: Judy Dotzman, jdotzman@spininc.org, (p) 215-613-1013 x1711

2005 — In 2005 the ANCOR Foundation recognized Community Builders Zuni Entrepreneurial Enterprises, Inc. in the *Provider* category and Wilderness Inquiry in the *Community Member* category for their exceptional programs that have succeeded in building more inclusive communities.

Zuni Entrepreneurial Enterprises, Inc. is a non-profit agency providing significant skills training and employment opportunities for disabled persons living on and near the Pueblo of Zuni in northwestern New Mexico. Among the enterprises it operates are an award-winning recycling program, currently employing 15 people with developmental disabilities; two concession stands and a grocery store which serve community residents; a janitorial service; and a Pueblo public transportation system that provides over 17,000 trips for over 100,000 passengers each year.

Contact: Mr. Larry Alflen, zeelea@nm.net, (p) 505-782-5798

Wilderness Inquiry provides outdoor adventure experiences to inspire personal growth, community integration and enhanced awareness of the natural environment. Wilderness Inquiry encourages people to open their minds and hearts to new possibilities by demonstrating that collectively and individually they are capable of doing more than they thought possible. For many, these experiences create positive changes in behavior, enhance social interaction skills, and encourage the establishment of lasting friendships.

Contact: Michelle Lobsinger, michellelobsinger@wildernessinquiry.org, (p) 612-676-9406



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**For more information please call:
Charlie Lakin at 612-624-5005,
John Rose at 800-622-8272, or
Renee Pietrangelo at 703-535-7860**

The ANCOR Foundation especially encourages nominations that demonstrate community building to include and value persons with disabilities without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, or sexual orientation.

