

## Call for Nominations

The "It's Magic," Night of Independence Awards Gala will honor and recognize individuals, businesses and organizations that work to further our mission to assist people with disabilities to live independently in the Kansas City Metro Area. Award winners will be recognized at the Gala on September 22, 2018.

**All nominations are due by May 31, 2018.**

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**[www.thewholeperson.org/nominations](http://www.thewholeperson.org/nominations)**

## AWARD CATEGORIES:

**INDIVIDUAL AWARD:** Recognizes an individual who has been a champion of people with disabilities through their actions or involvement in organizations, events and their community.

*Previous awardees include: Jed Stock ham, Deb Reithmeyer, David Jones, Tom and Debra Craig, and Tina and Leon Jackson, Adam Lane and Erin Brown.*

**CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION AWARD:** Recognizes a business or organization for outstanding accomplishments in increasing the quality of life and promotion of inclusion of people with disabilities in their community.

*Previous awardees include: Assurant Employee Benefits, DaVita and the Dream Catchers Division, 360 Architecture, Centric Projects, FOX 4, AMC Theaters, The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and Synchrony Financial.*

**CIVIC LEADER AWARD:** Recognizes an individual or organization which inspires others to make a difference by engaging with elected officials and key stakeholders in discussions to promote policies that support the mission of The Whole Person and independent living for people with disabilities.

*Previous awardees include: Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II; Representative Jeff Grisamore; Jay Nixon; Diane Burnette and MainCor; Mark Gash and City of Olathe, Kansas, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board; the Jackson County Sports Commission and the City of Independence, MO.*

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Recognizes an individual who has contributed volunteer hours/service at an extraordinary level of dedication.

*Previous awardees include: Jeremy Tercey.*

**ORGANIZATION/CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR:** Recognizes an organization or corporate group who have contributed volunteer hours/service at an extraordinary level of dedication.

*Previous awardees include: Netsmart.*

**PAUL H. LEVY FOUNDERS AWARD:** Named for the founder of The Whole Person, this award recognizes an individual who through their life's work has been a tireless advocate for people with disabilities in the Kansas City metropolitan area. This individual embodies a passion to continue the work of Paul H. Levy in the civil rights movement of the independent living philosophy, a self-help model of advocacy and service by and for people of all disabilities.

*Previous awardees include: Jean Bailey Smith, Dr. Charles Wheeler, Joseph Matovu, Don Harkin and Ability KC (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City), Susie Haake, Sally Firestone and David Westbrook.*



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Night of  
Independence Gala

**Saturday, September 22**  
**Union Station's Grand Plaza**  
**Kansas City, MO**

**MAIL/FAX/EMAIL  
NOMINATION TO:**

**The Whole Person**  
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## Awards Gala Nomination Form

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## Award Categories:

Select ONE category only for this Nominee

- ☐ INDIVIDUAL AWARD
- ☐ CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION AWARD
- ☐ CIVIC LEADER AWARD
- ☐ VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ☐ ORGANIZATION/CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR
- ☐ PAUL H. LEVY FOUNDERS AWARD

**\*\*ALL INFORMATION AREAS REQUIRED\*\***

**Nominee's Information** *(please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Nominee have a relationship with The Whole Person?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Submitting Nomination** *(please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the Nominee? *(friend, co-worker, fellow community volunteer, other):* \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the Nominee?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a statement, in 500 words or less, why you are nominating this person for this award.**

Please provide statement on a separate page.

**Please list any other pertinent information that should be considered** *(Nominee's other awards, Nominee's volunteer experience, board involvement, etc.). Please provide on a separate page.*



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