

ROTARACT BLUE OPEN ARMS GALA 2016

NOMINATION FORM



Rotaract Blue Cayman Islands recognizes the important role that professional educators, caregivers and employers play in our community and in the lives of those with special needs.

Rotaract Blue also appreciates the wide range of difficulties those living with special needs experience on a daily basis. During the gala, Rotaract Blue recognizes and expresses our appreciation to “**Outstanding Individuals/Organizations**” in the special needs community, and honors those individuals who are excelling despite any challenges they may face.

We invite you to nominate **individuals/organizations** for the awards below. A person may only be nominated for **one (1)** of the below categories.

- PARENT RECOGNITION AWARD:** a parent who is successfully living with special needs or a parent who goes over and beyond to take care of a child with special needs **(to be nominated by the general public)**.
- SPIRIT AWARD:** An individual with special needs who, despite the challenges faced, has always maintained a positive attitude while affecting the lives of others through a warm and cheerful spirit **(to be nominated by teachers/staff/coaches/general public)**.
- THE HONORARY AWARD:** a direct supervisor/fellow employee/organization who has either dedicated their life to teaching and assisting individuals with special needs, or who has made a special effort or accommodations to assist in the employment of an individual with special needs **(to be nominated by the general public)**.
- OPEN ARMS AWARD:** An individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment, creativity, enthusiasm and patience in working with persons with special needs. One who has also selflessly and genuinely devoted their own life to make a difference in the lives of those with special needs **(to be nominated by athletes, clients, students and staff)**.

Name of Nominee: _____

School/Foundation: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

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*In the space provided below, please describe why this **person/organization/employer** should be recognized for your chosen award. Your response should fully describe how the nominee exemplifies the attributes of the description provided for the award and should include examples as appropriate.*

I nominate the above person for the above indicated category because:

Your Name: _____

School/Foundation: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please return completed nomination forms to rotaractblue@gmail.com. Forms can also be submitted via post at **Rotaract Blue Cayman Islands, P.O. Box 30245 Grand Cayman KY1-1201** or email us at communityservice.rb@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission is **Thursday June 30th, 2016**. Only completed forms will be processed. Upon receipt, the Open Arms nominees will be presented to the Open Arms judging panel for assessment and selection. Winners will be awarded at the **9th Annual Open Arms Award Ceremony** on Saturday, **16 July 2016**, at Ristorante Pappagallo.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your participation.