

An Inclusive Community

The Jewish Delegate Assembly of Greater Pittsburgh...

- **Recognizes** all people with disabilities are entitled to inclusive education, living, employment, and leisure opportunity.
- **Recognizes** all people with disabilities have the right to live in their own community and pursue their own lifestyles.
- **Believes** people with disabilities should play a central role in the design, operation, and monitoring of the support they receive.
- **Believes** all members of the Jewish community share the responsibility to create an inclusive environment.

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The Shore-Whitehill Award

Celebrating
champions
of inclusion
in the Jewish
community

An initiative
of the **Jewish**
Federation of
Greater
Pittsburgh
and **Jewish**
Residential
Services

About the Award

The Shore-Whitehill Award, created in 1996, celebrates volunteers who promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in the fabric of Jewish life through advocacy or direct service to individuals and families.

Awardees are selected on the basis of two criteria:

- 1) the value of their contributions as champions of inclusion; and
- 2) the commitment of their nominating organization or group to publicly honoring them so they may serve as a springboard for change and inspire further action by others.

Named for Robert Whitehill and the late Barbara Shore, who co-chaired a task force on special needs in the Jewish community, the award is given annually by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and Jewish Residential Services.

Champions of Inclusion

Organizations that nominate awardees receive a grant of \$1000 to help underwrite the costs of a recognition event and/or inclusion activities.

Awardees receive an original sculpture by the late Sylvia Plutchok, a Pittsburgh-based artist.

Awardees and nominating entities also receive copies of the *Jewish Community Inclusion Guide for People with Disabilities* and recognition in *Connections*, a newsletter published by a consortium of six agencies committed to encouraging, supporting and recognizing the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of Jewish life in the Pittsburgh community.



Nomination Process

Congregations, groups, organizations and individuals that are committed to publicly celebrating champions of inclusion are encouraged to submit a nomination. Nominations should address the following questions:

- What is the nominee's full name?
- How does this nominee embody the ideal of including people with disabilities?
- Which congregation, group or organization is submitting this nomination?
- How does the nominating congregation, group or organization intend to celebrate this nominee's contributions to advance awareness and dialogue about the inclusion of people with disabilities in Jewish life? (Please be specific.)
- To whom may questions about this nomination be directed? (Please include contact information.)

Nominations may be submitted online at www.jrspgh.org/shore-whitehill, emailed to shorewhitehill@jrspgh.org, or mailed to Attn: Shore-Whitehill Award, c/o Jewish Residential Services, 4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

The deadline for submitting a Shore-Whitehill Award nomination is Friday, January 15, 2016 at 12PM.