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ARIZONA DISABILITY ADVOCACY COALITION ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR ADA AWARDS

The Arizona Disability Advocacy Coalition ([AzDAC](#)) announces the nominees for the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Awards. The winners will be honored at the [20th Anniversary ADA Gala](#), held on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the [Tempe Mission Palms](#) hotel.

The “ADA Title I – Justice and Equality Employment Liberty Award” honors a community member or organization that has made a positive, proactive impact in ensuring justice and equality in the workplace. The nominees are Julia Davenport, communications manager for the Census 2010 Paper Data Capture Center, Vangent; [Arizona Humane Society](#) on Eugie Avenue; [Arizona Bridge to Independent Living](#); [Arizona Center for Disability Law](#); [Home Depot](#) East Flagstaff; [Absolute Bikes](#) of Flagstaff; and Cottonwood [Safeway](#).

The “ADA Title II – Justice and Equality Public Entities (State and Local Government) Liberty Award” honors a state or local government entity that demonstrates facility or program accessibility, or that has made a positive, proactive impact in ensuring justice and equality for people with disabilities. Nominated are the [City of Scottsdale](#), in partnership with the [McDowell Sonoran Conservancy](#) for the Bajada Nature Trail; the [City of Tempe](#); [Arizona Commission on the Arts](#); the [City of Surprise](#);

Arizona State University [Downtown Campus](#); the [Town of Chino Valley](#); and Kevin Tyne, deputy secretary of state.

The “ADA Title III – Justice and Equality Private Entities/Public Accommodations Liberty Award” recognizes a private business or organization that is a good example of facility or program accessibility for Arizonans with disabilities or that has made a positive, proactive impact in ensuring justice and equality for Arizonans with disabilities. The nominees are the Arizona Humane Society; the [Olive Garden](#); Kay Wing of [SWAN Rehab](#); [AJ's Fine Foods](#); and Arizona Bridge to Independent Living for building the [Disability Empowerment Center](#) (DEC).

The “ADA Title IV – Justice and Equality Telecommunications Liberty Award” is given to a community member and/or organization that demonstrates full accessibility for Arizonans with disabilities or that has made a positive, proactive impact in ensuring justice and equality in the area of telecommunications. The nominee in this category is [Arizona Relay Service](#).

The “2010 ADA Community Advocate Liberty Award” honors a community member that has been a dedicated advocate for the justice and equality of Arizonans with disabilities. Nominated are Peri Jude Radevic, Arizona Center for Disability Law; Tim Schmaltz, [Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition](#); Nanette Bowles, ADA consultant; Amina Kruck, director of advocacy for Arizona Bridge to Independent Living; Ken Jacuzzi, community advocate; Walter Olsen, [Phoenix Police Department](#); Pam Allen, community advocate; Michael O'Brien, former disability program navigator; and Tony DiRienzi, [Statewide Independent Living Council](#).

The “2010 ADA Copper Canyon Public Policy Maker Liberty Award” is given to a public policy maker(s) that has taken action to protect or improve the justice and equality of Arizonans with disabilities. The nominees are [Sen. Meg Burton Cahill](#) (district 17); [Sen. Frank Antenori](#) (district 30); and [Rep. Kyrsten Sinema](#) (district 15).

Finally, the “2010 ADA Justice and Equality Pioneer Liberty Award” honors a community member, organization or public policy maker(s) that has broken new ground to remove barriers to ensure full justice and equality for Arizonans with disabilities. Nominees in this category are Robert J. Lynch, architect and community advocate; Susan Webb, Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) employment services director; the [Arizona ADA Coordinators Coalition](#); Phil Pangrazio, executive director of ABIL; David Carey, advocacy specialist for ABIL; [Sun Sounds of Arizona](#); [Lions Club Multiple District 21 of Arizona](#); and Arizona Center for Disability Law.

Tickets for the 20th Anniversary ADA Gala are \$35 for individuals and \$280 for a table of eight. The emcee for the event will be [Catherine Anaya](#) of KPHO CBS 5, and the gala will feature the ADA awards, a performance by the [Improbable Theatre Company](#) and live music from the [Instant Classics](#) band. For more information about the ADA awards and the ADA gala, please visit www.azdac.org.