



Dear friends and supporters of the disabled community,

**RE: 2009 Mayor's Awards Nominations**

Do you know a person who promotes disability awareness and education?

Do you know a business in the Fort Collins community that provides excellent accessibility to their place of business or employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities?

Do you know someone who has a disability who enjoys educating the public and promoting disability awareness?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to recognize these individuals and businesses for their tireless and selfless efforts? Here is your opportunity to say "Thank You" to those individuals and businesses!

You are cordially invited to submit a nomination for the Annual Mayor's Awards sponsored by the City of Fort Collins Commission on Disability.

The Mayor's Awards recognize individuals, business and service agencies exhibiting dedication to persons with disabilities. Attached you will find descriptions and nomination forms for the following awards:

Dorothy Lasley Memorial Award – distinguished individual with a disability

Employee of the Year

Service Provider of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

Spirit of Fort Collins

Employer of the Year

Winners are invited to attend the Annual Mayor's Awards Luncheon as guests of the Mayor on Thursday, October 8th, 2009 from 11:30am – 1:00pm at Northside Aztlan Community Center. Mayor Doug Hutchinson and the Commission on Disability will present the awards.

**Nominations must be received by 5:00pm, Friday, September 11, 2009.**

Mail Nominations to: Commission on Disability  
c/o City of Fort Collins, Operations Services Department  
PO Box 580  
Fort Collins, CO 80522

Or, you can fax your nominations to 221-6534

Access nomination materials online at:

<http://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/disability.php> and click on Mayors Awards

There are many deserving individuals in our community. Please give this your highest consideration and submit a nomination.

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind, please contact Jenna Stieben at 221-6610.

Sincerely,

Terry Schlicting, Chair  
Commission on Disability

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2009  
MAYOR'S AWARDS

SPONSORED BY

THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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## MAYOR'S AWARDS CATEGORIES

### **Dorothy Lasley Memorial Award**

Recognizes an individual with a disability who's actively involved with increasing awareness rights of those with disabilities and improving their quality of life.

This award is named for Dorothy Lasley who was diagnosed at the age of two years as having juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, which necessitated the use of a wheelchair for mobility and later caused the loss of her eyesight. Ms. Lasley worked tirelessly throughout her lifetime towards removing both architectural and attitudinal barriers for citizens with disabilities. She was an advocate for people with disabilities donating countless volunteer hours until her death in 1983. She worked for equal opportunities in employment, housing education and independent living.

### **Employee of the Year**

Recognizes an individual associated with providing services to persons with disabilities, who works to increase community awareness of disability concerns and to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

### **Service Provider of the Year**

Recognizes a business or organization associated with providing services to persons with disabilities, who work to increase community awareness of disability concerns and to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Recognizes an individual who contributes his/her time and efforts to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

## **Spirit of Fort Collins**

An individual, business or organization who exemplifies the spirit of assisting persons with disabilities in our community.

## **Employer of the Year**

Recognizes an individual or business for providing or increasing accessibility to their facility and/or providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- \* The person/business/agency nominated must live within or be providing services to the disabled community within the urban growth area of the City of Fort Collins.
- \* Activities that are above and beyond an individual's normal expectation or job description will be the criteria for consideration.
- \* Nominees must have demonstrated commitment and involvement with a person(s) who has a disability/disabilities.
- \* Nominations are open to the public and may be submitted by individuals, employers or organizations in the Fort Collins area.
- \* **Please submit a brief explanation (no more than 250 words) of why this person or agency is being nominated.**

## 2009 MAYOR'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please select the award category for which nominee is to be considered:  
(One nomination per form. Please feel free to make additional copies).

\_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Lasley Award (nominee must be disabled)

\_\_\_\_\_ Employee of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Service Provider of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Spirit of Fort Collins

\_\_\_\_\_ Employer of the Year

***Please submit a brief explanation (no more than 250 words) of why this person or agency is being nominated.***

**Name of person/organization/agency/business being nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Person and/or Group submitting nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for nominations is Friday, September 11, 2009.**

Send completed applications to:

Commission on Disabilities

c/o City of Fort Collins, Operations Services Department

PO Box 580

Fort Collins, CO 80522

FAX# (970)221.6534

Online: <http://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/disability.php> and click on Mayors Awards

Winners will be contacted and invited to attend the Mayor's Awards Ceremony and luncheon on Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 11:30am – 1:00pm.