

A Call for Nominations

The Bernice Krumhansl Advocacy Award

This award is presented annually to a polio survivor or other individual who is an outstanding advocate -- a person who has worked actively in support of improving the lives of polio survivors and people with other disability issues. This award was originally established by the OPN Board in 1988. It was initially called -- People First/Disability Second Award. It was later changed to the Bernice Krumhansl Advocacy Award for her untiring efforts working with polio survivors to help maintain their quality of life.

Previous Winners

1988 - Ida Hagar
1989 - Carolyn Melvin
1990 - Jackie Hamler
1991 - Greg Larbes
1992 - Willie Walker
1993 - Betty Sugarman
1994 - Marianne Weiss
1995 - Greg Nemunaitis
1996 - Dave Livingston
1997 - Frank Craig &
Becky White
2003 - Fran Willemsen

Bernice worked 34 years at St. Luke's Medical Center, retiring in 1986 as director of the physical therapy department. She specialized in working with polio patients. Bernice wrote many articles on a variety of subjects, including a textbook on physical therapy. She also traveled extensively on a lecture circuit. Her cousin, Bill Krumhansl, said it best -- "She was special because she healed the old-fashioned way. She healed with her hands, with her heart, and with her head."

Nomination Procedure:

Submit nominee's name on a separate sheet, along with full address, support letters, news clippings, articles, photos, etc. Please include a short biography of the nominee. The deadline for nominations is September 25, 2010

Please mail your nominations to:

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