

## THE GERRY BYERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDNG SERVICE

Gerry Byers spent most of his adult life dedicated to helping persons with disabilities achieve their employment goals, and to the Iowa and national Rehabilitation Association. he spent 30 plus years employed as a placement specialist for the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Council Bluffs area. As a member of NRA/IRA he was tireless in his efforts, particularly in the area of membership. Often the recipient of a free membership in the association (but already a life member) he would donate the free membership to a new person. He rarely missed a state, regional, or training conference and throughout his tenure held several offices. he was a Bill Donohue Award recipient, and the national Margaret Fairbairn Award recipient for his exemplary achievement in job placement.

In memory of our friend who passed away Christmas Day 1998, the IRA Board of Directors has established this annual award, to be presented by the President of IRA at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference.

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NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATING INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations should include this cover page and a letter from nominating individual detailing the nominee's achievement. Letters from clients, co-workers, and other Association members are also encouraged.

### CRITERIA:

1. Must be a member of the National Rehabilitation Association
2. Must be employed in the field of rehabilitation or closely related occupation relevant to persons with disabilities.
3. Demonstrated a significant impact on persons with disabilities to the Association.

**NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15TH OF RESPECTIVE YEAR TO:**

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