

Please check which category you are nominating this person for:

X	Advocacy	An individual or organization that has exhibited outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of people with disabilities in the City of Portland
	Community Inclusiveness	An individual, organization, or program that has made a significant effort to include people with disabilities in the community in the City of Portland
	Lifetime Achievement	An individual that has spent a significant portion of their life working to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of people with disabilities in the City of Portland
	Transportation	An individual or organization that has worked to improve the accessibility of the City of Portland in regard to transportation issues
	Youth Achievement	An individual under the age of 25 either with a disability or who has contributed to the disability community in a way that promotes inclusivity and awareness in the City of Portland

Name of Nominee: Nicole Cheron Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Name of Nominator Martha Simpson Phone: 503-223-3595

Email of Nominator: mks115@comcast.net

In one page or less, please tell us why this individual, organization or program should be honored with the 2009 "Making a Difference" in disability award in the category for which you are nominating them.

Some ideas of things to share could include:

- How has the nominee worked to advocate for the disability community?
- What impact or observable change has occurred due to their efforts?
- An example or story that highlights why the nominee should be honored.

ADVOCACY- Nicole Cheron is relatively new to the Portland/Multnomah area. However, she has demonstrated the ability to take an empty room and fill it with people who share the same goals: Assuring that people with disabilities have the same rights in every sense as all others.

Nicole has seen much change in the city and county government. While the economy floundered and there was much unrest as the PCDAC was disbanded, she has managed to continue to develop the **Portland Disability Commission AND KEEP PEOPLE MOVING.**

Nicole's advocacy occurs in that she is willing to develop a group of like minded individuals with or without disabilities who will work together to fulfill the dreams of our City/County. She has demonstrated that people can contribute and make a difference when they feel empowered.