

Please check which category you are nominating this person for:

	Advocacy	An individual or organization that has exhibited outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of people with disabilities in the City of Portland
X	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

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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.

Polly has been a wonderful advocate for bringing people with disabilities into the community, both at Portland State University and in Portland. In 10 years of service to students with disabilities at PSU I suspect even she can't count the number of students who have said "I wouldn't have graduated if it weren't for you."

The students Polly has served over the years are now serving the Portland community in many different ways, paying forward what they learned at PSU. It is difficult to measure the impact Polly has had in anything other than human terms. Statistics would provide only a tiny amount of the story of what Polly has done for people with disabilities.

Polly is a willing and knowledgeable advocate. She works closely with Oregon State Vocational Rehabilitation, the Oregon Commission for the Blind, and other state and non-profit agencies, to provide seamless and appropriate services to the community. Her knowledge of ADA, disability, and higher education makes her a sought-after resource.

Polly has worked tirelessly to bring the needs of students with disabilities to the attention of PSU faculty, staff, and administration. Under her guidance, the Disability Resource Center has made great strides in creating an educational environment in which students are empowered to do the best work they can.

Polly has brought her knowledge and expertise into the community. She has served on committees with the City of Portland, and provides information, advocacy, and assistance to high school students who are transitioning to higher education.

In human terms, I can speak directly to the impact Polly has had on my life. I first came to the DRC in 2004 as a graduate student, documentation in hand, seeking academic accommodations. When Polly and I met I was impressed with her and intrigued by the type of work she does. I was enrolled in the same program from which Polly had graduated, and saw in Polly a role model for the type of professional I wanted to become.

Over time, Polly became my mentor, my internship supervisor, my boss, and, best of all, my friend. I cannot quantify the ways in which her work affected me. I can say in truth that I would not be where I am today, doing the work I do, if it weren't for Polly. I can also state unequivocally that my story is not unique.

I would like to thank the Committee for considering this recommendation.

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