

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
	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
X	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: Bill West _____ **Phone:** 503 935 5224 _____

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Name of Nominator;Charlotte Duncan, Arc Multnomah-Clackamas Executive Director

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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.

The Arc Multnomah-Clackamas nominates Bill West for the Lifetime Achievement Award:

Bill obtained his Masters of Special Education from Portland State University in 1981 and with it a special offering of advocacy through the teachings of professor Jean Edwards a well known educator and advocate for people with mental retardation and other disabilities. For over thirty years, he has been a tireless advocate for adults with developmental disabilities and their families. For over 20 of the 30 years he has been at work at the Arc of Multnomah-Clackamas for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is a legend in the Portland community due to the tireless work he has accomplished in support of these community members and their families.

Bill has assisted people with developmental disabilities achieve inclusion in the community through his resource management, advocacy, counseling and skills-training. Numerous community members have learned to be their own self-advocates through Bill's patient and compassionate guidance. Family members have received direction and comfort from Bill's understanding and knowledge of systems and community policies and procedures as well as his reassurance and support.

Bill is a mentor and guide to adults with developmental disabilities and community partners who serve them. He has participated on numerous consumer advocacy committees and projects while offering the critical role of guidance and support to People 1st of Oregon and People 1st of Portland. He has worked tirelessly to provide information, training and guidance to the police community as they work to better understand and serve people with developmental disabilities. He has also participated in workshops and activities that promote spiritual enrichment.

Bill continues to devote many weekend and evening hours, over and above his work for the ARC of Multnomah-Clackamas to give special meaning to so many people who have developmental disabilities. Bill's dedication, caring and compassion for people who have developmental disabilities more than qualify him as the nominee for the Lifetime Achievement Making a Difference Award.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring recognition to this quiet, unassuming and dedicated man.

The Staff and Board of Directors of The Arc of Multnomah-Clackamas