



2019 ANN & GERRY AKLAND PERSON OF PASSION AWARD

The Ann & Gerry Akland Person of Passion Award presented by NAMI Wake County seeks to recognize and honor the contributions of leaders in the community working towards erasing stigma and advocating for the rights of those living with a mental illness. To be a person of passion, one must perform their acts with love and compassion with the goal of improving the lives of those we serve.

These award(s) are given at the discretion of NAMI Wake County and one or more awards may or may not be awarded every year.

The deadline for nominations is April 5, 2019. This year, the Awards will be presented at the Celebration of Courage on April 26, 2019 at the PNC Arena.

Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must be a resident of North Carolina, serving Wake County.
- The nominee must have made outstanding efforts in the areas of education, support, and/or advocacy, that reduces stigma and improves the lives for people living with mental illness and their family members. This can be seen through relationships built, courses taught, support given, or other actions that have benefitted NAMI Wake County.
- Recipients work should be promoting values of diversity, equity, and inclusion within their work of eliminating stigma.
- The nominee must be a positive role model whose actions inspire others to advocate for people with disabilities in North Carolina.
- The contribution and/or activity must have been performed in Wake County for a minimum of one calendar year.

Expectations of Recipients:

- Award recipients will be asked to attend a recognition event.
- Award recipients may be asked to participate in media interviews and agree to have their contributions submitted to the press.

A nominee is not eligible if:

- The nomination form is incomplete.
- The nominee is currently contracting with NAMI Wake County.
- The nominee has received the award within the last five years.

Only complete nominations will be reviewed. **The deadline for nominations is April 5, 2019.**

Submit your completed nomination and all supporting materials by email:

- Email nominations to volunteer@nami-wake.org and state on the subject line: "Person of Passion Award".
- Nominations may be mailed to:
NAMI Wake County
ATTN: Annie Schmidt
PO Box 12562
Raleigh, NC 27605



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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator's Information

Nominator's name: _____

Nominator's phone (*include area code*): _____

Nominator's mailing address: _____

Nominator's email address: _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____ years _____ months

In what capacity do you know the nominee?

Nominee's Information

Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's mailing address: _____

Nominee's email address: _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominee's employer: _____

Nominee's employer's city and state: _____

Please attach an explanation of how the nominee has met the criteria for the Ann & Gerry Akland Person of Passion Award. Your nomination narrative should:

- Identify why you believe this is a Person of Passion in regards to how the individual completes acts with love and compassion.
- Be detailed and provide examples of reducing stigma and/or advocacy that significantly improved the lives for people living with serious mental illness and their family members. This can include tangible outcomes such as specific partnerships, community awareness events, increased engagement in the organization, etc.
- If the award involves advocacy, explain how the advocacy supports NAMI Wake's advocacy focus areas and progress, if any, that has been achieved.
- Explain how the nominee has incorporated elements of diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work.
- Explain what makes your nominee unique or special.
- Explain how your nominee inspired change in the community.

Your attached nomination must be typed or handwritten neatly and is limited to one (1) page. If typed, your nomination can be single-spaced but must use a font size no smaller than 11 point.

You may attach letters of support and other documentation in support of the nomination.

Nominator's Signature

Date