



The Arc of Central Michigan 2008 Self-Advocate/Advocate Of the Year Award

The Arc of Central Michigan is pleased to announce it will be presenting the Self-Advocate and Advocate of the Year Awards to two individuals in the Central Michigan area.

One of our main activities is to advocate on behalf of people with disabilities. In doing so, we see and work with many individuals who have a disability. We also work with many who have no disability, but fight and advocate for those who do have a disability. With our mission to assure that citizens with disabilities are valued, and that they and their families can participate fully in, and contribute to the life of our community, we would like to recognize those that advocate for themselves or for others. In recent years, we have been working with self-advocates to enable them to become better advocates for themselves. We believe there are many capable self-advocates in our area who should be recognized for their efforts and talents. Along with this, we believe there are many advocates who should be recognized for their efforts and talents as well.

These two awards recognize individuals who have shown a dedicated commitment to furthering the cause of disabilities in our community. Please consider nominating an individual you feel deserves these awards. You may nominate one for each award. Our last award winners were Russel Lowrie - Self Advocate and Sherry Sponseller - Advocate.

Winners will be notified in early May and awards given out at The Arc of Central Michigan's Annual Board Meeting/Dinner held mid May.

Thank-You for helping us recognize outstanding individuals in our community.

**Please return nomination forms, and recommendation letters by Friday,
May 2, 2008 to the address on the form or you may email info to:
advocate@arcocentralmi.org**

Forms are also available on our web site at: www.arcocentralmi.org