



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**32ND ANNUAL ANN KLEIN ADVOCATE AWARDS**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2019**  
**THE WILSHIRE GRAND HOTEL, WEST ORANGE, NJ**

**Call for Nominations for the prestigious Ann Klein Advocate Awards is now open.** The awards are given to a group of select individuals and organizations, nominated by the public, who have performed exemplary work as advocates for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations. They are presented each October at an event sponsored by the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Law Project, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The awards are named in memory of Ann Klein, former Commissioner of the NJ Department of Human Services, whose career as a public servant, legislator and social worker paved the way for significant advances in the human services systems throughout the State of New Jersey. Previous award winners have included consumers, government officials, service providers, corporate entities and executives, legislators, performers, and journalists, among others.

Individuals, associations and corporations may submit nominations for individuals or organizations noted for their distinguished service in promoting opportunities, rights or services for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations in New Jersey. Often nominees are credited for specific projects, advocacy initiatives or programs that benefit a segment of the disability and or vulnerable populations in the community.

Nominations should enumerate your nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations and should explain why you or your organization believe your nominee is worthy of the Ann Klein Advocate Award. Such other relevant information as articles and newspaper clippings are welcome.

If your nominee is selected, we will encourage you to make a commitment of ticket sales and the purchase of congratulatory ads in the award journal in support of the Community Health Law Project. We also ask you to provide assurance that there are other individuals or organizations that concur in your recommendation and that they will support both the nomination and the event. They are encouraged to write letters of support as well.

**Nominations due by: May 1, 2019**

**Send nominations to:**  
ANN KLEIN ADVOCATE AWARDS COMMITTEE  
c/o Community Health Law Project  
185 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

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## Ann Klein Advocate Award Honorees

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2018</b></p> <p><b>Linda G. Gochfeld, M.D.</b>, <i>Community Psychiatrist</i>  <b>Lisa McCauley Parles, Esq.</b>, <i>Partner, Parles Rekem LLP</i>  <b>Dean Pastras, ACSW, LCSW</b>, <i>Executive Director, Bergen's Promise</i>  <b>Cory Storch</b>, <i>President &amp; CEO, Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2017</b></p> <p><b>Brenda Considine</b>, <i>President &amp; CEO Considine Communication Strategies</i>  <b>Gary S. Horan</b>, <i>President &amp; CEO Trinitas Regional Medical Center</i>  <b>Gail Levinson</b>, <i>Executive Director (Retired), Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA)</i>  <b>James Romer</b>, <i>Director Mental Health Crisis Center, Monmouth Medical Center</i>  <b>Laura Williams</b>, <i>Executive Director The Arc, Ocean County Chapter</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2013</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Cyrus J. Amato</b>, <i>Medical Coordinator NJ Institute for Craniofacial Surgery, St. Barnabas Medical Center</i>  <b>Canine Companions for Independence  <b>Neeta Das, MSW, LCSW, ACSW</b>, <i>President/CEO, Progressive Comprehensive Services, LLC</i>  <b>Gibbons P.C.</b>  <b>Elaine K. Meyerson, LSW, ACSW, DVS</b> <i>Executive Director, Shelter Our Sisters</i>  <b>Lawrence N. Meyerson, Ed.D., J.D.</b> <i>Rubenstein, Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli, Conte &amp; Bem, P.A.</i>  <b>Stuart P. Milsten</b>, <i>Vice Chair, Board Trustee, Cheshire Home</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2012</b></p> <p><b>Thomas Baffuto</b>, <i>Executive Director, The Arc of New Jersey</i>  <b>Borough of Closter, NJ</b>  <b>Robert L. Parker, CEO, NewBridge Services, Inc.</b>  <b>Tenants of Orchard Commons &amp; The Roberts House</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2007</b></p> <p><b>Theodore A. Kastner, MD, MS</b>, <i>Developmental Disabilities Health Alliance, Inc.</i>  <b>William M. Lang III</b>, <i>The Lang Foundation</i>  <b>Joseph A. Masciandaro</b>, <i>Care Plus NJ</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2006</b></p> <p><b>Bonnie Evans</b>, <i>Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation</i>  <b>Hon. John F. McKeon</b>, <i>Member, NJ General Assembly</i>  <b>Beverly Roberts</b>, <i>The Arc of NJ</i>  <b>Michael Smith</b>, <i>Meadowlands Sports Complex</i>  <b>William Waldman</b>, <i>Rutgers, School of Social Work</i><b>2005</b>  <b>Robert N. Davison</b>, <i>MHA of Essex County</i>  <b>James M. Oleske, MD, MPH, UMDNJ  <b>Paul A. Potito, COSAC  <b>Hon. Joseph F. Vitale</b>, <i>Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee</i></b></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2016</b></p> <p><b>Julie Doermann</b>, <i>Program Coordinator, Recovery Network for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing &amp; Hearing Loss, Center for Family Services, Inc.</i>  <b>Military Family Support 360 Project at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst</b>  <b>Faith W. Rice</b>, <i>Executive Director NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome &amp; Associated Disorders, Inc.</i>  <b>Wakefern Food Corp.</b>  <b>Joe Young</b>, <i>Executive Director Disability Rights New Jersey</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2015</b></p> <p><b>Kathy Collins</b>, <i>LCSW, Executive Director, MonmouthCares, Inc.</i>  <b>John V. Jacobi</b>, <i>Dorothea Dix Professor of Health Law &amp; Policy, Seton Hall Law School</i>  <b>Denise J. Pipersburgh, Esq.</b>, <i>Chiesa Shahinian &amp; Giantomasi PC</i>  <b>Wardell Sanders, Esq.</b>, <i>President, New Jersey Association of Health Plans</i>  <b>Janet Sharma</b>, <i>Chair, Hurricane Sandy Long-Term Recovery Committee; CEO (Retired) Volunteer Center of Bergen County</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2011</b></p> <p><b>Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW</b>, <i>Executive Director, National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health</i>  <b>Kessler Foundation</b>, <i>West Orange, NJ</i>  <b>Ed Murphy</b>, <i>Executive Director, The Supportive Housing Association of NJ</i>  <b>Shirley B. Whitenack, Esq.</b>, <i>Schenck Price Smith &amp; King, LLP</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2010</b></p> <p><b>Robert D. Laurino, Esq.</b>, <i>Immediate Past President, The Arc of Essex County</i>  <b>Arlene Romoff</b>, <i>President, Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, Author: "Hear Again Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant"</i>  <b>Ciro A. Scaleria</b>, <i>Director of Public Affairs for Verizon New Jersey</i>  <b>William J. Sette</b>, <i>President and CEO, Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2005</b></p> <p><b>Robert N. Davison</b>, <i>MHA of Essex County</i>  <b>James M. Oleske, MD, MPH, UMDNJ  <b>Paul Potito, COSAC  <b>Hon. Joseph F. Vitale</b>, <i>Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee</i></b></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2004</b></p> <p><b>Sylvia Axelrod</b>, <i>NAMI-NJ</i>  <b>Barbara B. Comerford, Esq.</b>, <i>Disability Law Specialist</i>  <b>Stuart D. Cook, M.D.</b>, <i>UMDNJ</i>  <b>Amy B. Mansue</b>, <i>Children's Specialized Hospital</i>  <b>Louis Paparozzi</b>, <i>Monmouth County</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2003</b></p> <p><b>Carolyn Beauchamp</b>, <i>MHANJ</i>  <b>Sandra L. Harris, Ph.D.</b>, <i>Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center</i>  <b>Eric M. Joice</b>, <i>Epilepsy Foundation of NJ</i>  <b>Michael T. Mooney</b>, <i>Paper Mill Playhouse</i>  <b>The Seeing Eye, Inc.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2014</b></p> <p><b>Christopher C. Botta, Esq.</b>, <i>Mayor, Borough of Ramsey</i>  <b>Vicky DeRosa</b>, <i>Founder &amp; CEO, V Well Health</i>  <b>Rev. Robert F. Keating</b>, <i>Executive Director &amp; Founder, The Center in Asbury Park, Inc.</i>  <b>MWW Public Relations/Public Affairs</b>  <b>Krystal L. Odell</b>, <i>Director of Supportive Services Pennrose Management Company &amp; President/CEO, PennReach</i>  <b>Betty Redman, LPN, CPRP</b>, <i>Manager Learning Recovery Center of Wildwood, Collaborative Support Programs of NJ</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2009</b></p> <p><b>Bruce A. Bird, Ph.D.</b>, <i>Immediate Past President, The Arc of New Jersey</i>  <b>Mary Lynne Reynolds, MPA</b>, <i>Mental Health Association in Southwestern NJ</i>  <b>William A. B. Ditto</b>, <i>Director, NJ Division of Disability Services</i>  <b>Carmela Lunt</b>, <i>Founder and President, Community Hope, Inc.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2008</b></p> <p><b>Jim Dieterle</b>, <i>AARP NJ State Director, AARP NJ</i>  <b>Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.</b>, <i>Essex County Executive</i>  <b>Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq.</b>, <i>The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation</i>  <b>William R. Testa</b>, <i>The Arc/Morris Chapter</i>  <b>Dominic M. Ursino</b>, <i>NJ Institute for Disabilities / Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2002</b></p> <p><b>Maureen Babula</b>, <i>The Arc of New Jersey</i>  <b>Hon. Jack Fay</b>, <i>Former State Senator and State Ombudsman for Institutionalized Elderly</i>  <b>Richard Nead, Jr.</b>, <i>CDRS, Kessler Institute</i>  <b>Miklos Salgo, MD, PhD</b>, <i>Hoffmann-LaRoche</i>  <b>Debra L. Wentz, PhD</b>, <i>NJAMHA</i>  <b>Richard W. West</b>, <i>Disability Advocate</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2001</b></p> <p><b>Marilyn Askin</b>, <i>AARP NJ</i>  <b>Judith Baner</b>, <i>Collaborative Support Programs of NJ</i>  <b>Alexander A. Buono</b>, <i>Monmouth County Office on the Disabled</i>  <b>John Candelmo</b>, <i>Borough of Edgewater</i>  <b>Borough of Edgewater  <b>Patricia C. Kloser</b>, <i>UMDNJ Medical School</i></b></p>



## NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary of nominee's achievements and contributions as an advocate for people living with disabilities and/or vulnerable populations:

*(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Explanation of why nominee is worthy of receiving an Ann Klein Advocate Award: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Other supporting information: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

*Please mail letters of nomination by May 1, 2019 to:*

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