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## Nominee Details

1. Name of Nominee \*

Laura Newell

2. Name (as you wish it to appear on award) \*

Laura Newell

3. Home Address \*

1824 J Julian Lane Apt. C

4. City \*

Charlotte

5. Zip Code \*

28208

## 6. Phone Number \*

704-877-9017

## 7. Email Address \*

Inewell@inreachnc.org

## Listing of Qualifications

8. Please provide a brief description (maximum 300 words) of the qualifications of the nominee for this award. Give specific information about the nominee's activities in improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including examples of significant contributions and leadership.

Please include the following:

- List nominee's advocacy experience
- Areas of strength/experience/achievements in the field of intellectual or other developmental disabilities.
- List nominee's volunteer experience

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Founded the Self-Advocates of Meck. group November 1998. The group has advocating for many things throughout the years and several years ago was successful in getting the CATS- (bus system in Charlotte) to add a route to accommodate those who took the bus to our old day support location. We have written two books sharing inspirational stories of people with disabilities called Hope is on the Horizon and Hope is on the Horizon book 2-both available on Amazon. I have served on the FIF state board and the ARC of Meck. boards in the past. I am persistent and will keep advocating until something happens. Most recently we have visited our legislators in Raleigh to advocate for more funding for our DSP and to get more people off the waitlist for services. We have been fighting against the SSI marriage penalty but they have not changed that unfair law yet so we will keep fighting for it.

## Supporting Information

Identify **three (3) individuals** who have knowledge of the efforts of the nominee.

NOTE: It is encouraged that individuals submit a short statement (maximum 300 words) in support of the nominee. Statements should include specific examples of work the nominee has done to influence positive change in the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

9. **Individual 1** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- City
- Zip
- Phone, and
- Email Address

*Please see next question for short statement submission.*

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Laura Newell  
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10. **Individual 1** - Please provide a short supporting statement of why this nominee should be the recipient of the NC Leadership Achievement Award.

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I am somebody with a disability-(encephalitis-I had a 105 fever on the brain from the chicken pox when I was almost three.) I had some struggles along the way especially since I was not diagnosed until I was already out of school) and was an adult), I have a desire to see people succeed in life no matter what their disability and fight to get the services and supports that you need to live a good life. I want to make people aware of their rights and I wrote a book of rights with pictures to make it easier for them to understand. My major accomplishment is keeping the group going all these years and making learning fun and interesting even when attendance has dropped off and it can sometimes be discouraging at times but when they seem to grasp the importance of what we are doing then it makes it worth it. I am going to send additional information.

11. **Individual 2** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- City
- Zip
- Phone, and
- Email Address

*Please see next question for short statement submission.*

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12. **Individual 2** - Please provide a short supporting statement of why this nominee should be the recipient of the NC Leadership Achievement Award.

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13. **Individual 3** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- City
- Zip
- Phone, and
- Email Address

*Please see next question for short statement submission. \**

Kristy Pearson  
Charlotte  
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704-449-8421

14. **Individual 3** - Please provide a short supporting statement of why this nominee should be the recipient of the NC Leadership Achievement Award.

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I work with Laura, and she is always helping others in her role as a peer mentor and a self-advocate. She is passionate about encouraging others who have disabilities to speak up for themselves. She assists others in the job seekers class to help our customers who have disabilities to find a job. She assists one of our customers with doing laundry washing, drying and folding towels for her job at the day support center. When we go out of field trips in the community, she will help a customer who has some mobility issues to get out and about or if they are going to a restaurant, she will help them in deciding what kind of food to order and what they can afford to spend. I have enjoyed worked with Laura for the past 10 years.

## Personal References

Identify three (3) individuals as personal references who may be contacted to help evaluate the qualifications of the nominee.

15. **Individual 1** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Phone
- Email Address

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16. **Individual 2** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Phone
- Email Address

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Rob Newell  
Charlotte  
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17. **Individual 3** - Please provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Phone
- Email Address

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## Nominator Information

18. Full Name \*

Laura Newell

19. Title/Relationship to the nominee \*

Self

20. Email \*

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21. Organization (if applicable):

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23. City \*

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24. Zip Code \*

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25. Phone Number \*

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27.

I've read and followed the submission guidelines for my application to be considered for the 2024 Advocacy and Leadership Awards. I understand my application will not be considered if the following documents are not completed or submitted to NCCDD by July 10, 2024.

- Section 1: Completed Nominee Information
- Section 2: Completed with Listing of Qualifications
- Section 3: Completed with Short Statements of Support
- Section 4: Completed Personal References
- Submitted ON OR PRIOR TO, Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

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