

The Elsie Shaw Foundation Annual Awards

Nomination Procedure

Each year The Elsie Shaw Foundation, Inc. recognizes and honors individuals and/or groups who have made outstanding contributions to supporting families and strengthening services statewide.

Award nominations will be reviewed and approved by the Elsie Shaw Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The following criterion needs to be met for a nomination to be considered:

1. Nomination should be submitted using this Nomination Form.
2. Completed nominations need to be received by **Friday, March 7th, 2008**.

Please use a separate form for each nominee.

Only one award will be granted in each category. **Deadline for submission is March 7th, 2008**. Final selection will be made by the Board of Directors. Awards will be presented at the annual Circles of Life Conference.

The Elsie Shaw Foundation Award Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY (one only) _____

NOMINEE'S NAME (individual or group) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ (H) _____ (W)

NOMINATING AGENCY/PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ (H) _____ (W)

Briefly summarize the qualifications of the nominated individual or organization which qualify the nominee for the award category above. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Return by: March 7, 2008 to: Nancy Olson, 4614 Fuller Street, Schofield, WI 54476

AWARD CATEGORIES

The Elliott Shaw Award

In the spring of 2000 Elliott Shaw (Barry's brother and son of Elsie) passed away from cancer. Part of his final wishes was to have money donated to the Elsie Shaw scholarship fund. This specific pot of money is to go to families where there is an occurrence of cancer, and the family wishes to attend the conference. Money for this scholarship is donated by the Shaw family on an annual basis (brothers Richard and Barry and Elliott's wife Teresa). In his memory the Elliott Shaw Distinguished Professional Award was established. The Elliott Shaw Award is given in recognition and honor of a group or professional who has gone the extra mile to provide quality services and programs for people with developmental and related disabilities and their families. Award selection will be based on the individual's performance above and beyond the requirements of their employment.

The Kasidhe Olson Award

In the spring of 2001 a new fund was established called the Kasidhe fund. It was started in memory of Kasidhe Olson, daughter of Nancy and Wally Olson and sister of Nick Olson and Ryan Backes. Since Kasidhe was a special needs adoption child, this fund is used for parents who have an adopted child and wish to attend the conference. In her memory the Kasidhe Olson Distinguished Parent Award was established. The Kasidhe Olson Award is given in recognition and honor of a parent who has made outstanding efforts and given of them self to enrich the lives of all families of children with disabilities across Wisconsin.

The Barb Breen Award

In the fall of 2003 Barb Breen, a long time parent advocate passed away suddenly at home. Barb was involved in many different activities in the disability community. She was committed to support parents of children with disabilities through her work as a Parents in Partnership facilitator. She also coordinated the statewide WSPEI project. Barb also was a coach for Special Olympics in Eau Claire Wisconsin for many years. Along with this Barb was active in developing a local parent support group. It is through this award that we remember Barb. The Barb Breen Memorial Award is given to the parent educator of the year. This person is one who has shown dedication to helping parents who have children with disabilities and has gone above and beyond their job description. In the spirit of Barb this person would have dedicated themselves not only to parents but also may have done work with youth who have disabilities.