Down Syndrome Indiana is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Our mission is to serve as a conduit of information, support and advocacy for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, which promotes growth and inclusion in the community.

A star was chosen to represent the Down Syndrome Indiana for several reasons:

**Focus**
Parents, siblings, educators, and other friends and family often describe individuals with Down syndrome as “stars”, or the center of attention. The star logo recognizes that quality, and reminds us of our need to challenge ourselves and society to see all individuals with Down syndrome for their contributions to their community.

**Achievement**
A star has long been a symbol of achievement. The star logo reminds us of the importance of all “achievements” of individuals with Down syndrome.

**Inspiration**
As a group of people familiar with the history of Down syndrome and its treatments, we recognize that we are still at the beginning of our journey to discover the full potential of individuals with Down syndrome. The star represents our collective reaching for a brighter future for all individuals with Down syndrome.

Each year, Down Syndrome Indiana celebrates all individuals that have been instrumental in continuing their mission within the Down syndrome community. One dedicated individual who has made long-term contributions to the Down syndrome community will be honored at the Annual Holiday Party with the reception of the reputable “STAR Award”.

If you would like to nominate someone special for a “STAR Award”, please complete the following nomination form and return it to Stephanie Garner, Program Coordinator. The deadline for 2020 nominations is Friday, October 30th at 2:00pm. Please note that while we appreciate their many contributions, DSI Staff and Board Members are ineligible for this award.

Thank you,
Down Syndrome Indiana
STAR Award Nomination Form

Please include the following information for the nominee so we can send inform them of their nomination and invite them to the DSI Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5th. Please submit nominations to Stephanie Garner by Friday, October 30th at 2:00pm. DSI Staff and Board Members are ineligible.

US Mail: 708 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 / Email: garner@dsindiana.org / Fax: 317-925-7619

Nominee: ____________________________________________  □ □ □ □ □  
          Self-Advocate  Volunteer  Educator  Fundraiser  Health Care  Professional

Nominee Address: ____________________________________________  
                 Street Address  City, State, Zip Code

Nominee Phone: (______) ___________________  Nominee Email: ____________________________________________

Name of Person Nominating Individual: ___________________________  Phone: (______) ___________________

How long have you known the nominee? □ 1 yr. or less  □ 2 to 3 yrs.  □ 4 to 6 yrs.  □ More than 6 yrs.

In what capacity have you known the nominee? □ Personally  □ Professionally  □ Other: ___________________

In the space provided below, please rate the applicant in the respective categories using the rating scale below: 0-insufficient knowledge; 1-below average; 2-average; 3-above average; 4-outstanding

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Why is the nominee a Shining Star in their dedication to individuals with Down syndrome? 
Please feel free to submit collaborative documentation or letters of support along with your nomination for consideration.

Has this nominee been previously recognized for their contribution(s) within the Down syndrome community?  
□ No  □ Yes: ___________________________________________  Award Received  Year

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