

Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards

Celebrating equal rights and community inclusion for people with disabilities

PRESENTED BY THE
Fairfax Area-Disability Services Board

Monday, December 13, 2021 ♦ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Virtual awards ceremony recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations that demonstrate successful inclusion and equality for Fairfax area people with disabilities.

Agenda of Events

6:40—6:50 p.m. Welcoming Remarks:

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Deborah Hammer, Chair, Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

6:50—7:30 p.m. Award Presentation:

Award Recipient: Conner Cummings

Register Here

Registration Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdeCtqzMiGtO73hGBTbt4KANvdytq0MIK>



Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, Virginia 22035



2021 Martha Glennan Award Recipient

Conner Cummings

Conner has been advocating for persons with disabilities from a young age, when he and his mother advocated for the need for Conner's Law. Conner's Law provides needed support to adults with disabilities whose parents divorce, but who need child support to continue receiving the care they need. Since then, Conner has gone on to partner with The Arc of Northern Virginia and the Autism Society to host candidate forums for supervisors, commonwealth attorneys, state delegates, state senators, congresspersons, senators and presidential campaigns. Conner opens every single forum with reminders about how these events are a way to learn. He believes that to include everyone in that learning, we must be inclusive. Language should be simple, words should be kind, everyone should be given a fair chance and people with disabilities should be heard and believed.

In these forums, candidates consistently take time to thank Conner for leading the way on how to host educational inclusive events where people with disabilities are heard and can hear from candidates. Conner shares his stories of voting and encourages others to do the same. Conner openly talks about his struggles and shares that he conquered many of them with inclusion, love and support and he believes everyone else can do the same. He inspires people everywhere because he is so open and genuine. In 2020, he was appointed to the Virginia Disability Commission.

About the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

The mission of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (FA-DSB) is to include people with disabilities into mainstream community life by educating people about disability policy and barriers to community integration, monitoring compliance with disability rights laws and advocating for the civil rights of people with disabilities.

For more information about the FA-DSB, or to get involved in any of their efforts to make the Fairfax area a better place for people with disabilities, call 703-324-7948, TTY 711, email: disabilityrights@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/disabilities.

Fairfax Area Disability Services Board Members

Deborah Hammer, Chair (Mount Vernon District)

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Lindsay Harris (City of Falls Church)

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Deborah Cohen (Braddock District)

Mary Pauline Jones (Springfield District)

Andrew Magill (At-Large)

Diane Monnig (Providence District)

Courtney Cezair Mayers (Dranesville District)

Melandee Jones Canady (At-Large)

Sarah Graham Taylor (Lee District)

Jamie Lynne Bruen (Sully District)

The FA-DSB thanks everyone for making the 2021 Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Award possible and for continuing to support people with disabilities in all aspects of community life!



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