

## **Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment Announces Individual and Employer Award Winners**

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OLYMPIA – The Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) announced that Brenda Carlstrom and Randy Revelle were co-winners of the Governor's Individual Award. Ms. Carlstrom and Mr. Revelle were presented with the Carolyn Blair Brown Trophy recognizing their outstanding achievement by an individual with a disability in promoting the hiring of people with disabilities. The Awards Program was held October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Seattle Airport Marriott. The annual breakfast recognizes individuals, businesses, non-profits, and government agencies in Washington that have excelled in promoting the hiring people with disabilities.

The Awards Program is organized by the Washington State Business Leadership Network (WSBLN) and the GCDE. Award categories exist for individuals, non profits, government, and private employers.

Here is the list of 2008 award winners:

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Individual Award Winner</b>	<b>Nominator</b>
Governor's Trophy Individual Award	Brenda Carlstrom	Home Care Quality Authority
Governor's Trophy Individual Award	Randy Revelle	Disability Rights of Washington
	<b>Employer Award Winners</b>	
Private Employer (large)	Eurest Dining Service	Nominated by Jairul Rahaman
Private Employer (medium)	The River Casino	Nominated by Helen Hill
Private Employer (small)	Coastal Candies & Gifts	Nominated by Jacqueline Campbell
Nonprofit entity (large)	Skills, Inc.	Nominated by Kathy Powers and Adriana Tossini
Nonprofit entity (small)	Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Nominated by Hiram Hill
Public Employer (Washington State)	Washington State Dept of Social and Health Services	Nominated by John Evans
Public Employer (Local)	Clark County	Nominated by Paula Johnson

Congratulations to all who were nominated.

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Individual Award Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>
Governor's Trophy (individual award)	Linda Wilder	Beth Sutton, WSDSB
	Dylan Kuehl	Kathy Goldenberg, Creative Employment & Stars
	Karen Minahan	Erin Colwell, Orion
	Paula Bouwer	Peggy Frisk & Lynn Van Vactor, WVS
	Steven Kelly	Scott Shinsato of Goodwill
	Kirk Hennig	Tammy Wilber, Varilite
	<b>Employer Award Nominees</b>	
Private Employer (large)	Comcast Cable Communications	Nominated by Matt Storey
	Home Depot Lander Store	Nominated by Christina Davidson
	Safeway	Nominated by Julie Zander
	Walgreen Drug Store	Nominated by Tammy Merrill
Private Employer (medium)	Nisbet Oysters Co - Goose Point Oysters	Nominated by Helen Hill
	Roadside Multimedia	Nominated by Greg Gibbons
	Janicki Industries	Nominated by Deborah Maxwell
Private Employer (small)	Starman, Inc.	Nominated by Judith Skillman
	Starbucks Longview #3268	Nominated by Helen Hill
Nonprofit (large)	Harrison Medical Center	Nominated by Jennifer White
	Lighthouse for the Blind	Nominated by Carolyn Hojaboom
	Skookum	Nominated by Marie Campanoli
	Clark County Fair	Nominated by Paula Johnson
Nonprofit (medium)	YMCA Longview	Nominated by Helen Hill
	Cascade Vocational Services	Nominated by Meredith Moyer
Nonprofit (small)	Pace Nutrition Center	Nominated by Hiram Hill
Public Employer (local)	City of Mountlake Terrace	Nominated by Jan Engelhart
	Stevens County	Nominated by Bill Kinyon

## About the Governor's Individual Award Winners

Brenda Jean Carlstrom is a 2008 co-winner of the Governor's Individual Award and received the Carolyn Blair Brown Trophy. Ms. Carlstrom was appointed to a board position of the Home Care Quality Authority (HCQA) in 2002. The Home Care Quality Authority was established by citizen initiative in November 2001 to improve the quality of long term In-Home services provided by In-Home providers through improved regulations, higher standards, increased accountability, and the enhanced ability of consumers to obtain services. Ms. Carlstrom has worked tirelessly as a leader and advocate of disability issues at the state and national levels.

Randy Revelle is a 2008 co-winner of the Governor's Award and received the Carolyn Blair Brown Trophy. Randy has been one of the nation's most highly visible and effective advocates of disability issues and mental illness. In 1981, while serving as King County Executive, Randy volunteered to assist in a newspaper story about bipolar disorder. The description of his disability became a major news story and challenged stereotypes about the abilities of people with mental illness. Randy has led campaigns at the state and national levels to pass mental health legislation that makes a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

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Calendar Item: The Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) announced that Brenda Jean Carlstrom and Randy Revelle were co-winners of the Governor's Individual Award and Carolyn Blair Brown Trophy. This award is presented to an individual with a disability for outstanding achievement in promoting the hiring of people with disabilities.