

Outstanding Business Award Nomination

Award Description:

The Outstanding Business Award will be presented to a Kansas business which has demonstrated notable and continued support of individuals with disabilities. (i.e. supported employment, volunteer work, donations, etc.)

NOMINEE: Ballers Sports Bar and Grill

ORGANIZATION: Mosaic

NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

If you live in or around Parsons, Kansas and you hear the name Ballers Bar and Grill, you immediately start shouting out your favorite meal or special they offer. The burgers and wings are highly recommended by all! They may not offer a fine dining experience, but you'll feel at home the second you walk in. That feeling isn't exclusive. In fact, it is quite inclusive!

Larry lives in Parsons with his shared living family Zach and Lorrie Hill. Zach is also guardian for a few other individuals in the Parsons area. Parsons is a small town with a population of around 9,400 people. There aren't many activities locally to participate in, but one business opens their door and their hearts to these gentlemen every week.

Ballers Bar and Grill has been welcoming Larry into their establishment for years! They do not just treat Larry and his friends like customers, they are treated like family. This small, family-owned bar and grill is a place where people can go to grab a delicious and affordable meal, play a game, and even have a beer if they would like. One of Larry's favorite past times is to have an NA (alcohol-free) beer. Ballers specially orders NA beer to keep in stock just for Larry. He comes to eat and play pinball, and have an ice cold NA beer. Larry is such an important part of their establishment that he was invited to ride on the float for the St. Patty's Day parade, to which he happily accepted.

A bar and grill might not be the first business you would think of when deciding who should be recognized, but this is no ordinary bar and grill. This is a place where Larry can come anytime and order his "usual", crack jokes with the patrons and waiters, and have an experience that most of us might take for granted. Ben and Kathy, owners, would be shocked to hear they have been nominated for an award like this, because they enjoy Larry's company as much as he enjoys them.

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The deadline to submit award nominations is June 7!