

Inspirational Family or Guardian Award Nomination

Award Description:

The Inspirational Family or Guardian Award will be presented to a family or guardian who has significantly contributed time and talents to the InterHab member agency and/or the individual served by the agency.

NOMINEE: Brian and Sarah Preston

ORGANIZATION: Johnson County Developmental Supports

Provide a narrative including answers to the following questions. You may also attach a maximum of three letters of support. Additional information may be attached if necessary.

- Describe the impact this family or guardian has had on the individual.
- What outcome has resulted from this effort?
- How long has this effort been provided?
- Provide a biographical sketch of this family.
- Additional information.

NARRATIVE:

I am writing to nominate Brian and Sarah Preston for **The Inspirational Family or Guardian Award**.

I have supported the Prestons and their son, Boston, for well over a year; and in that time, I have seen them exemplify what it means to be extraordinary parents for four extraordinary children through unwavering dedication, boundless compassion, and tireless support for Boston and his siblings. While I have only supported their son Boston directly, I have seen the Prestons display these qualities with all four of their children- all of whom are on the autism spectrum and receive mental health and IDD services.

When I began working with Boston at the beginning of 2023, Boston was struggling with severe depression and other mental health challenges and had a difficult time making friends or engaging with his peers. Throughout my time with Boston, the Prestons demonstrated an exceptional ability to balance various responsibilities between all their children in a way that was nurturing and loving. The Prestons are actively involved in their children's education and mental health treatment and are always looking for new ways to support their kids in their unique abilities and challenges.

Due large in part to the support and dedication of his parents, Boston was able to discharge from all mental health services and the mental health SED waiver entirely due to the achievement of all mental health goals in March of 2024. Boston is thriving in school and at home and has made friends through active engagement in his church, school activities, and boy

scouts. Boston became an Eagle Scout at the beginning of the year and hopes to get a job in the community this summer or next.

I can not imagine a more deserving group of parents for this award then the Prestons. Not only are the Prestons outstanding parents, but they are a beacon of hope and inspiration for others who have multiple children with a dual diagnosis. I wholeheartedly support nomination for this award and believe that the Prestons are most deserving of this honor.

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I have reviewed and agreed to the criteria for filming the awards video.

I have obtained approval for this nomination from the submitting agency's Executive Director.

Send this form via email to mshreve@interhab.org

The deadline to submit award nominations is June 7!