

## **“Maureen Fitzgerald Leadership Award”**

This leadership award is to honor Maureen Fitzgerald (to those who knew her, she was the mother of the Ohio Youth Leadership Forum - YLF). She loved empowering youth with disabilities, to realize their potential. Maureen was a motivator (who worked behind the scene) to assure youth, with disabilities, were exposed to challenges and positive social interaction. *Her leadership led to transformational change to the youth whose lives she touched.*

To nominate someone, for the “Maureen Fitzgerald Leadership Award”, please submit an essay (150 to 250 words, maximum) on how their leadership changed the lives of individuals with disabilities, through their own leadership skills. Leaders who have changed the lives of youth will be given greater consideration.

Please include **some** of the following transformational characteristics, achieved by the leader, you are nominating:

- How are they identified as a change agent?
- Provide some examples of how their leadership took courageous efforts.
- How do they believe in people?
- How have they dealt with complexity, ambiguity, and uncertainty?
- What visionary results occurred through their efforts?
- How their efforts changed the lives of youth and young adults with disabilities?

Please have the completed Award Application returned **no later than May 30th, 2009**. All completed applications should be faxed (614-985-9052) **or** mailed to:

**Ohio Governor’s Council on People with Disabilities**  
**C/O Nominations Committee**  
**400 East Campus View Blvd.**  
**Mail Station SW5C**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43235**  
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