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AccessAbility in Action 2013 Award is Now Open for Nominations

Summary: AccessAbility Fest committee is now taking applications for the 3rd annual [AccessAbility in Action award](#). All nominations must be in before the deadline of 5 pm August 31, 2013. This award is presented to one organization, family or individual who makes it a focus to help people with disabilities in San Antonio and the surrounding area in work, life and play.

July 22, 2013, SAN ANTONIO, TX- AccessAbility Fest 2013 announces the AccessAbility in Action Award is now open and taking [online award nominations](#). Application deadline is Aug 31, 2013 at 5pm. “We applaud everyone who makes a difference in the lives of people with different abilities. We see so many people making life-changing contributions by going out of their way. These contributions are made in their businesses, personal missions, time and talents, which positively impact the lives of others,” says Melanie Cawthon, co-founder and event logistics for AccessAbility Fest.

The AccessAbility in Action award celebrates the best in generous acts towards others in San Antonio. The award is presented during a special ceremony at AccessAbility Fest.

AccessAbility Fest is an all-inclusive event at Market Square in downtown San Antonio, Texas

- Sunday, October 27, 2013
- El Mercado (Market Square)
514 W. Commerce, San Antonio, 78207
for a map and directions, visit our [location page here](#)
- 12pm to 5pm
- AccessAbility Fest is **FREE** and open to the public

“So often, these efforts go unrecognized. The Accessibility in Action Awards celebrates the givers among us. We encourage everyone to submit a deserving nomination this year,” say Cawthon.

Criteria for Consideration:

Individual:

An individual who contributes a significant amount of time, talent or resources to improve

the lives of individuals with disabilities at work, in life and at play.

Family:

Two or more individuals, in the same family unit, who contribute a significant amount of time, talent or resources to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities at work, in life and at play.

Organization/Business:

Must meet one or more of the criteria listed below:

1) Creates special efforts to find and recruit qualified people with disabilities for available jobs.

-Or- works with service providers, job coaches, and educational programs to make sure that teachers and trainers know what skills are necessary for available jobs.

2) Give 25% or more of their philanthropic activities for support services and programs for individuals with disabilities.

3) Provide exceptional quality of service –or- an inclusive environment to meet the needs of consumers with disabilities.

4) Uses innovative solutions to promote inclusion for individuals with disabilities at work, in life and at play.

DEADLINE: 5 pm August 31, 2013

ABOUT US

7th Annual AccessAbility Fest is a gateway to resources, opportunities and independence.

This event is a result of an unprecedented collaboration of non-profit organizations in San Antonio serving individuals with disabilities. This collaboration, coupled with the support and initiative of Texas Public Radio, has created the momentum and passion that drives AccessAbility Fest.

[AccessAbility Fest](#) is a collaborative community effort to share information, resources, ideas and supports among people with all types of disabilities. AccessAbility Fest was created with one goal in mind; to establish a central location where people could find the resources they need to improve overall quality of life, no matter what the disability. The event also celebrates the achievements individuals with disabilities make in our community. We celebrate these achievements by advancing public attitudes and raising awareness by highlighting individual successes during National Disability Awareness Month in October.

AccessAbility Fest brings together nearly 100 organizations and businesses to:

- Share information, resources, ideas and support between people with all types of disabilities.
- Highlight organizations and businesses that provide these services.
- Advance public attitudes, awareness, respect and consideration for the success of persons with disabilities.

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