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MEMORANDUM

To: DSN Board Executive Directors

From: Constance Holloway, DDSN Director *CDH*

Date: Oct. 13, 2023

Subject: Call for Nominations– 2023 Silver Palmetto Award

The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2023 Silver Palmetto Award. The award is given annually in February for work conducted in the previous calendar year, and DSN Boards are asked to nominate their local city or municipality if that government body has displayed exceptional service to the individuals we serve.

City and town governments support individuals with disabilities and special needs in many ways, including providing employment opportunities, funding, and assistance with program expansion. Municipalities can also assist with advocacy, education, and service enhancement.

Your nomination letter should include a description of the outstanding support you have received from your municipality for your board, persons supported, and their families during calendar year 2023. Include photos, newspaper articles, press releases, television coverage, or any special events with your letter to support your nomination. **Nominations are due by Dec. 29, 2023. Nominations and any questions can be sent to P.J. Perea at pacifico.perea@ddsn.sc.gov.**

A nominating committee will review all entries and select the final winner for approval by the DDSN Commission at its January 2024 meeting. On Feb. 6, 2023, a commissioner will present the award at the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Hometown Legislative Action Day.

We look forward to hearing about the great things your local communities are doing to support individuals with disabilities.