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Executive Memorandum

To:	Executive Directors, DSN Boards
From:	State Director Constance Holloway
Date:	November 1, 2024
Subject:	Call for Nominations – 2024 Silver Palmetto Award

The South Carolina (SC) Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2024 Silver Palmetto Award.

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

Send your nomination letter describing the outstanding support you have received from your municipality for your board, persons supported, and their families during calendar year 2024. Include photos, newspaper articles, press releases, television coverage, or any special events with your letter to support your nomination. DDSN will accept and consider all nominations received no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

A nominating committee will review all entries and select the final winner for approval by the Commission at its January 2025 meeting. On January 20, 2025, a commissioner will present the award at the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Hometown Legislative Action Day.

You can email your nomination to <u>pacifico.perea@ddsn.sc.gov</u>, fax (803) 898-9656, or mail to P.J. Perea, 3440 Harden Street Ext., Columbia, SC 29203. Photos and nominations may be accepted in print, jpeg, and/or pdf formats. Please contact P.J. Perea for any questions or concerns.