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March 23, 2021

Dear Maryland Residents,

Hamilton Relay, the contracted service provider of Maryland Relay, is seeking your assistance in identifying candidates for the Hamilton Relay 2021 Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award.

We are looking for individuals who are hard of hearing, late-deafened or have difficulty speaking and who have been a positive influence in Maryland, demonstrating commitment to volunteerism, leadership, advocacy and enhancing the lives of those around them. The award will be presented during Better Hearing and Speech Month in May.

Is there someone you wish to nominate for 2021?

Hamilton Relay Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award Recipients from previous years include:

Nancy Rogers - 2020  
Veronica Davila- Steele - 2019  
Anne Madison - 2018

A questionnaire is attached to assist in providing information about your candidate, including a brief description about the individual and what this person has done that causes you to nominate him/her. Please send your nominations directly to me **by April 9<sup>th</sup>** via email or by mail. My contact information is included in my signature below.

Celebrating community leaders during Better Hearing and Speech Month in May is something we look forward to each year. Thank you in advance for your participation in nominating deserving individuals from your community.

Sincerely,

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## Candidate Nomination Questionnaire

### Hamilton Relay 2021 Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award

Due April 9, 2021 • PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

**Objective:** To recognize an individual in each of Hamilton's contracted states who is hard of hearing, late-deafened or has difficulty speaking and who demonstrates strong leadership, volunteerism and involvement within his/her community.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that this award is presented to one individual within your state each year. Organizations, schools, associations, groups of individuals and individuals who are deceased are not eligible for this award.)

Candidate's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: Voice TTY CapTel VP Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The candidate:  is hard of hearing  is late-deafened  has difficulty speaking

- How has the candidate been active and/or made an impact in his/her community? Please focus primarily on providing information pertaining to the volunteer efforts and accomplishments he/she has done outside of his/her career and/or regular job duties.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- List the complete names of associations, organizations, clubs or other activities in which your candidate has been involved. Include position(s) held, term length and any other pertinent details.



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- What are the strongest points about the candidate?

- Please list two references (other than yourself) and their contact information:

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please include your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please feel free to include additional information and/or attach additional pages as needed.)

*Thank you for submitting your nomination!*