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THE BEVERLY BERGER FAMILY ADVOCACY AWARD

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Beverly Berger was a champion of the achievements and potential of individuals with developmental disabilities. This award is given in memory of Beverly who was a devoted parent and fearless advocate for all individuals with developmental disabilities. In honor of Beverly we ask that you consider the family members of individuals we serve that have been staunch advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families. Think of those that have improved the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Queens, not just for their own families but for the community. We will announce the winner at the Queens Family Support Conference/Resource Fair on November 13, 2026.

The Beverly Berger Review Committee is comprised of QCDD parents and officers will be reviewing award nominations. Nominations must be received **no later than the close of business on October 16, 2026.**

- Nominations should include:
- Nominee's name, address, telephone number
- Nominee's agency & program
- A two-paragraph statement (200-word limit) regarding area of special service

Submit nominations for the Beverly Berger Award to Rachel Plakstis by:

Email: Rplakstis@extendedhc.net (with Beverly Berger Award in Subject)

For more information or questions, please contact Rachel at (917) 202-0123 or email.



The Beverly Berger Family Advocacy Award

has been presented to:

2017 – Beverly Berger

2018 – Janice Silber

2019 – Jim Karpe

2020 & 2021 – No events due to COVID-19

2022 – Kerbanoo D’Rozario

2023 – Sara Catalinotto, Johnnie Stevens, and
Milagros Cancel (PIST - Parents to Improve
School Transportation)

2024 – Bin Feng

2025 – Sheila Mastrangelo