



Disability Rights Maryland

*Cordially Invites You
to the*

**2020 BREAKING BARRIERS
VIRTUAL AWARDS GALA**



*Thursday, November 12, 2020
6:30 to 7:30 PM (EST)*



2020 Breaking Barriers Honorees



GAYLE HAFNER GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AWARD

Floyd Hartley

Chairman, Consumers for Accessible Ride Services (CARS)

This award recognizes [CARS](#) for its central role in the struggle for equal access to transportation for Marylanders with disabilities. Floyd Hartley will be presented the award on behalf of the full CARS team (Debbie Benaderet, Will Fields, Imani Graham, Floyd Hartley, Marlene Hendler, Linda Merkle, Danielle Phelps, May Robinson, Valerie Smith and Kim Stevens).

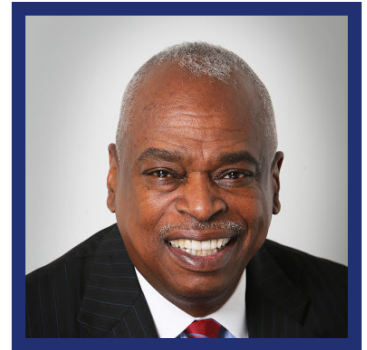


JUDITH HEUMANN CHAMPION OF JUSTICE AWARD

Wade Henderson

Former President & CEO, The Leadership Conference

This award recognizes [Wade Henderson](#) for his lifetime of advocacy and passion for the civil rights and the disability rights movements.



PRESENTER OF THE JUDITH HEUMANN CHAMPION OF JUSTICE AWARD TO WADE HENDERSON

Judith E. Heumann

**One of the Most Influential Disability Rights Activists
in United States History**

This new award, established in [Judith Heumann](#)'s name, recognizes her lifelong activism and pursuit of equality and inclusion for people with disabilities.



LORRAINE SHEEHAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Andrew D. Levy

Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy

This award honors [Andrew Levy](#) for his lifelong service to people with disabilities and his embodiment of the spirit and attributes that the award celebrates.



Giving Opportunities



PATRON

\$10,000

- Fifteen (15) complimentary virtual gala tickets
- Premier visual acknowledgement during the virtual event
- Premier logo & sponsor acknowledgment:
 - On DRM's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages
 - On DRM's website
 - In Gala digital program book
 - In DRM's e-newsletter, *Spotlight*
- A signed copy of "*Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist*"

BENEFACTOR

\$5,000

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PARTNER

\$2,500

- Five (5) complimentary virtual gala tickets
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AMBASSADOR

\$1,000

- Two (2) complimentary virtual gala tickets
- Premier visual acknowledgement during the virtual event
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INDIVIDUAL TICKET

\$100

STUDENT/NONPROFIT TICKET

\$50



Registration Form



I am happy to support the 2020 Breaking Barriers Virtual Awards Gala at the following giving level:

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- \$100 Individual Attendee.....Quantity: _____
- \$50 Student/Non-Profit Attendee.....Quantity: _____

I cannot attend the 2020 Breaking Barriers Virtual Awards Gala but I would like to make a donation:

- \$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250 Other \$_____

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- Check Enclosed
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Kindly respond by October 12, 2020.

To become a sponsor or purchase tickets, please [click here](#) or forward this form to Natalyia Coleman, Communications & Development Associate, at NatalyiaC@DisabilityRightsMD.org or (443) 692-2479.



Registration Form



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Former Gala Honorees



2019 Honorees

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Timothy Shriver
Excellence in Journalism Award: Erica L. Green
Public Policy Award: Senator Chris Van Hollen
Gayle Hafner Grassroots Advocacy Award: Patti Saylor
Legal Advocacy Award: Jennifer J. Bruton, Daniel J. O'Brien & Stephanie P. Hales

2018 Honorees

Public Policy Award: Congressman Elijah E. Cummings
Influencer Award: Tatyana McFadden
Advocacy Leadership Award: Regina Lee & Dominic Radcliff
Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award: Curt Decker

2015 Honorees

Public Policy Award: Congressman Steny H. Hoyer
Legal Advocacy Award: Sidley Austin, LLP.
Gayle Hafner Grassroots Advocacy Award: Thomas Hicks
Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award: Judith E. Heumann

2012 Honorees

Public Policy Award: Maryland Senator Verna Jones-Rodwell
Public Policy Award: Maryland Senator Richard Madaleno
Legal Advocacy Award: Raymond Marshall
Grassroots Advocacy Award: Kenneth Capone

2011 Honorees

Public Policy Award: Maryland Delegate James W. Hubbard
Legal Advocacy Award: Venable, LLP.
Grassroots Advocacy Award: Sandra Spears
Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award: U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

2010 Honorees

Public Policy Award: Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger
Legal Advocacy Award: Earl Bartgis, Jr.
Grassroots Advocacy Award: Floyd Hartley
Lifetime Achievement Award: Lorraine Sheehan, posthumously
(presented to Laura Carr & John Sheehan by Senator Benjamin L. Cardin)



About Disability Rights Maryland



Disability Rights Maryland (DRM) is the Congressionally mandated Protection and Advocacy organization for individuals with disabilities in Maryland. Established over 40 years ago by the renewal of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1975, DRM works to create a just and inclusive society by defending and advancing the legal and human rights of people with disabilities. DRM partners with people with disabilities to expand their opportunities to participate fully in all aspects of community life and champions rights to self-determination, dignity, equality, choice and freedom from abuse and neglect. DRM's mission is achieved by focusing on creating significant, lasting systemic change.



The **Breaking Barriers Awards Gala** is DRM'S signature celebration where individuals, law firms and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision and achievement in safeguarding the legal rights of people with disabilities in Maryland are recognized and honored. Bringing together attorneys, corporate and foundation leaders, government representatives and disability advocates, DRM's Gala shines a powerful spotlight on noble individuals who further the rights of Marylanders with disabilities. Funds raised at the Gala will directly support DRM and expand our capacity to provide critical legal assistance so that Marylanders with disabilities, regardless of income, age or race, can live full independent lives in the community.

