

# Open Roof Award Nomination Form

*"Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, 'Son, you are forgiven....'" — Mark 2:3-5*

This award will be given to a congregation/district in the Church of the Brethren that has made great strides in its attempt to make itself accessible to people with disabilities. Fill out this form on line, print it out and fax or send it to Disabilities Ministries of ABC, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120, fax (847) 742-5160 by February 1. Nominations received following February 1 will be considered for the next year.

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Please complete these questions:

1. How has your congregation used the gifts of people with disabilities (such as areas of leadership, participate in worship, active in Sunday school and/or community events)?

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2. Please describe any programs to provide mentors or special friends for children and adults with special needs.

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3. What has your congregation done to educate members about persons with special needs? (For example, are specific Sunday school classes available to those with special needs? Do Sunday school teachers receive training when people with special needs are part of classes? When people with special needs are mainstreamed into Sunday school classes, describe any modifications made to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities?)

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4. Has a needs assessment been conducted of your congregation? How was the assessment accomplished (i.e. survey, observation, discussion etc.)?

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5. What physical accommodations have been made for people with disabilities (such as lowering paper towel holders, building a ramp, installing elevators/lifts, providing hearing enhancement devices, large print hymnals)?

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6. Is the building completely handicap accessible or is it a work in progress? When possible, please provide a before and after picture of the improvements made.

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7. Please describe efforts made to reach out to the community with an emphasis on disability ministry.

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8. Please share other information you feel would be helpful for the committee to know.

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***Thank you for completing the Nomination Form for the Open Roof Award  
and returning it to the Association of Brethren Caregivers.***



**Association of  
Brethren Caregivers**

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