

# Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference

## The “Flame of Inspiration” Award

The Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference (GCTAAFSC) annually seeks and accepts nominations for the “**Flame of Inspiration**” Award. The selection is made from candidates who have distinguished themselves by obtaining the highest level of accomplishments in the area disability, advocacy and making great inroads for persons with disabilities. Persons, faith-based ministry or corporate entity of distinction, in the Houston area, will be honored for the positive changes made in the community and in the lives of individuals and families living with disabilities.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Nominations maybe completed electronically via the following link <[Click Here](#)>. Hard copies are available upon request.

The nomination form may be submitted at any time; however the form must be completed in its entirety and remitted to Helpful Interventions, Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference host, by **June 1, 2015**.

You can remit a hard copy form via postal mail to Helpful Interventions at P.O. Box 671526 Houston, TX 77267-1526 by the requested deadline: **June 1, 2015**.

### **Award Category:**

**Parent:** Awarded to a parent of a child with a disability. This parent goes above and beyond to promote acceptance and a sense of belonging for individuals with disabilities to be fully included in their communities.

**Self-Advocate:** Awarded to a consumer or individual with a disability whom has done exemplary work in the field of disability awareness and advocacy.

**Service Professional:** Awarded for outstanding work for individual with disabilities. This service professional goes above and beyond to promote acceptance and a sense of belonging for individuals with disabilities to be fully included in their communities.

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**Faith-based Ministry:** Awarded to a faith-based ministry in Houston for promoting physical wellness and supporting mental health care in the community.

**Young Adult:** Awarded to a young adult, 18-24 years old, whom has done exemplary work in the field of disability awareness and advocacy.

**Corporate:** Awarded to a corporate entity in the Houston whom has done exemplary work in the promotion of disability awareness or the utilization of wellness and behavior health care services among their employees.

The GCTAAFSC Project Advisory Committee will review the nominations and recommend award candidates. A final slate of awards' candidate attendance will be requested at the awards' luncheon on Thursday August 20, 2015 where our guest speaker will be Ms. Kim Burrell, award winning Gospel Artist, TV Personality and Pastor will share her personal story about overcoming emotional struggles, significant health challenges and fighting back to have laughter and happiness.

### **CONFERRING OF AWARD**

The Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference awards committee will present the **Flame of Inspiration Award** to the recipient at the Awards Ceremony during luncheon. The recipient should agree to be present for the presentation.

**No nominee will be considered unless the entire form is completed. Information may be submitted on the form, or additional pages may be attached.**

#### **Nomination Form**

##### **Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Biography about outstanding work performed**

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\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge and accept being nominated or considered for the Flame of Inspiration Award. I understand if I am selected my attendance is requested at the Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference Awards Luncheon on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

\_\_\_\_ I understand all entries become the property of Helpful Interventions, GCTAAFSC, host and will not be acknowledged or returned. Helpful Interventions reserves the right to use nominees' name and likeness for promotional purposes without further notification or compensation. All nomination selection and decisions are final.

**Nominator Information (At Least One Reference Required)**

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Other phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information describing the nominee's leadership skills along with their ability to encourage, promote and implement partnerships to strengthen services and policies in making a difference for individuals and families living with disabilities.

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*Please make certain all titles are accurate. Information submitted will be used to prepare news releases and other promotional materials.*

**Deadline for  
Nominations  
June 1, 2015**

For more information about the Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference, visit our website at [www.gcaafsc.net](http://www.gcaafsc.net) or contact the conference host, Helpful Interventions at (281) 272-2206 or email at [info@gcaafsc.net](mailto:info@gcaafsc.net).

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