





**CFPD Radical Ally Award** – CFPD would like to recognize partners who have collaborated to create outcomes for people with disabilities that no one individual or agency could accomplish alone. It's more than simply two or more components working together; true collaboration happens when shared knowledge, talent and resources meet, creating an entirely new view that no one partner could achieve without the other.

Consider who in your community has sparked new understanding that lead to action no one expected. These may be individuals, family members, programs, departments or whole agencies. Tell us:

- What did they collaborate on?
- What did they create?
- How does this positively impact our communities?

**CFPD Barrier Breaker Award** – CFPD would like to recognize an individual or team that has responded to new requirements or met previously-unarticulated needs within the disability community, people who have found practical and successful solutions we can all share.

Consider who in your community brought something new to our lives. Tell us:

- What problem/concern did their innovation address?
- What is the innovation?
- How does it remedy the problem/concern?
- Why do you say the response is innovative?

**CFPD Change Maker Award** – CFPD would like to recognize an individual, team or agency that has made significant progress toward changing public policy to improve the lives of Coloradoans affected by disability, whether in a neighborhood, county or for the whole state and beyond.

Consider who in your community made a recognizable impact in changing public policy in some way. Tell us:

- What area of public policy was affected?
- What problem/concern did the policy change address?
- How did this improve/advance the lives of people affected by disability?

**CFPD Voice For Impact Award** – CFPD would like to recognize an individual or family member of an individual affected by disability whose advocacy has significantly impacted lives or conditions for people in Colorado. Disability advocacy is acting, speaking or writing to promote, protect and defend the human rights of people with disability. Advocates may advocate for themselves, another person, or a group of people with disability. They work through issues that have an adverse impact on rights for an individual or group, or on a society-wide level.

Consider who in your community whose advocacy has significantly changed the lives of a person or people with disabilities. Tell us:

- For whom was this person advocating?
- What problem/concern were they trying to overcome?
- Whose life/lives have been improved by this advocacy?
- Why was this person's approach so successful?

## **The Linda Chism-Andre Lifetime Trailblazer Award**

Honoring lifetime contributions, tireless activism, informed compassion.

Linda Chism-Andre spent her life advocating. A person affected by disability from childhood, one might think Linda used her sharp mind and clear voice to make her world a better place. But it was never just her world she wanted to change.

Linda managed her conditions and her life without complaint. If she thought that anyone else might benefit from her difficulties navigating the world as a person with a disability, though, Linda was never silent. She worked to eliminate barriers – literally and metaphorically – making the world she left better than she found it.

Her work with Atlantis Communities spanned decades, as Linda fought for, embodied and promoted their most basic mission, assisting “the individual in fulfilling whatever goals *they* outlined for *themselves*.”

Her action and advocacy as a member of Denver's Gang of 19 changed how public transportation works for people with disabilities forever for the better.

And she will be remembered fondly by all who knew her as a friend, advocate, mentor and inspiration.

We're dedicating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Action Awards event to Linda, and creating an award category for other lifetime trailblazers like her. Help us recognize and award another of Colorado's historic disability advocates.