

DAC Achievement Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Nominee Name - Vidal Medina

Nominee Address - Work: Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV)

Nominator Information

Nominator Name - Dani Reyes-Acosta

Nomination Category – Individual

Nominated for:

- Improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.
- Advocacy for issues pertaining to individuals with disabilities.
- Volunteerism that has a positive impact on individuals with disabilities.
- Development of new programs or services impacting individuals with disabilities.
- Customer service to individuals with disabilities that is above and beyond the standard.
- Innovation or Entrepreneurship by an individual with a disability or that has a positive impact on individuals with disabilities.

Nomination Statement

At the heart of independence for people living with disability is the freedom to go to school, go to the doctor, go to work; in short, the “Freedom to Go.” Vidal Medina’s nomination prompted Bob Hand (former Executive Director of RICV) to say, "Vidal has been active in promoting accessibility and human rights for people with disabilities for over 15 years, with competence and passion. Fresno is a better place to live because of the work he has done.” His importance to the disability movement in Fresno isn’t due to a specific “job”, but for the passion he’s exhibited to bring the needs of the disabled community to the attention of organizations

structured to address those needs and organizations that needed to learn how to better respond folks living with issues affecting sight, hearing, mobility and cognition. I seek to honor Mr. Medina's history as an advocate and a mentor to further the attention and coordination necessary to better serve the disability community.