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**APPLICATIONS FOR 2009 INGLIS AWARDS FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE  
NOW BEING ACCEPTED...DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 8, 2008**

**(Philadelphia, PA)** – The Board of Directors of Inglis Foundation announces a call for applications for the **2009 Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence**. Now in its fourth year, the Awards program honors the performance of non-profit organizations in the Philadelphia region that enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities, and by doing so support the mission of Inglis Foundation.

Laura Schwanger, Chair of the Awards Review Committee, commented, “The Awards program has expanded the work of a variety of area agencies whose missions complement ours. The entire Inglis community benefits from their fine work. Our goal in the 2009 program is to assist even more worthy organizations that serve people with physical disabilities.”

The Awards of up to \$20,000 each will recognize the effectiveness and innovation of non-profit organizations providing direct services, products and/or advocacy for people with physical disabilities in the Philadelphia region. The award winners will be announced in May 2009 and honored in June 2009 at a ceremony in Philadelphia, PA.

The deadline for receiving applications for the **2009 Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence** program is Monday, December 8, 2008. Application instructions and forms can be downloaded at [http://www.inglis.org/pdf/inglis\\_ace\\_application.pdf](http://www.inglis.org/pdf/inglis_ace_application.pdf). These materials may also be obtained by calling (215) 581-0708, or via email at [awards@inglis.org](mailto:awards@inglis.org).

**Note to Editors:** A complete list of previous years' Inglis Award for Continuing Excellence recipients is attached.

**About Inglis Foundation**

Inglis Foundation works with people with physical disabilities to create and provide practical solutions so they may pursue their life goals.

All of Inglis' service and programs are designed to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence and mobility. Inglis' community-based programs include: Inglis Housing Corporation, Inglis Adult Day Care, Inglis Durable Medical Equipment, Inglis Community Employment Services and Inglis Care Management. In 2000, Inglis patented Drink-Aide<sup>®</sup>, a hands-free water bottle for wheelchair users.

## Previous Inglis Award for Continuing Excellence Recipients:

### 2008 Winners

**Bucks County Center for Independent Living** ensures that anyone living in Bucks County, PA, with a disability has the tools to achieve the level of independent living to which they aspire, based on their individual needs and desires. ([www.cilbc.org](http://www.cilbc.org))

**Catastrophic Injury Program of the National Transplant Assistance Fund** provides fundraising guidance and support to catastrophic injury patients – especially those with spinal cord injuries – and their families to help them raise money to cover uninsured medical expenses and provide for items which support independence and improve quality of life. ([www.catastrophicfund.org](http://www.catastrophicfund.org))

**Pennsylvania Health Law Project** advocates with and on behalf of people with disabilities to ensure their access to quality healthcare and home- and community-based services. ([www.phlp.org](http://www.phlp.org))

**Residential Living Options, Inc.** assists people with disabilities and their families in developing plans and accessing resources that allow them to live in homes of their choice in the community by providing creative options, education and community collaboration. ([www.residentiallivingoptions.org](http://www.residentiallivingoptions.org))

**Resources for Independent Living** is a community-based program that promotes personal growth and empowerment for people with disabilities through information, education, skills development and networking opportunities so they can live independent lives in the community. ([www.rilnj.org](http://www.rilnj.org))

### 2007 Winners

**Canine Partners for Life** professionally trains and places service dogs that increase the independence and quality of life of individuals with mobility impairments, physical disabilities and seizure disorders. ([www.k94life.org](http://www.k94life.org))

**InspiriTec, Inc.** helps people with disabilities find information technology jobs such as working at call centers, developing software and providing network administration. InspiriTec also provides vocational training, counseling and assistive technology to help clients keep their jobs. ([www.inspiritec.org](http://www.inspiritec.org))

**Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports** provides community-based sports and recreation programs for people with physical disabilities including skiing, rowing, cycling, climbing and kayaking. ([www.centeronline.com](http://www.centeronline.com))

**Self-Determination Housing Project of Pennsylvania** is a statewide home modification program that helps people with disabilities live independently in their own homes by making them more accessible. ([www.sdhp.org](http://www.sdhp.org))

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### **2006 Winners**

**Chester County Disability Services** (Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County, Inc.) provides individualized and targeted programs to help reduce the social isolation of people with physical disabilities and help them live independently as long as possible.

([www.ccdisability.org](http://www.ccdisability.org))

**The Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc.** resolves complex problems such as domestic violence, benefits, consumer fraud, housing issues, divorce and custody agreements, for low income people with disabilities who would otherwise not have representation.

([www.legalclinicforthedisabled.org](http://www.legalclinicforthedisabled.org))

**Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation** is a statewide, non-profit organization that extends low interest loans to people with disabilities so they can purchase the adaptive devices and services they need. ([www.patf.us](http://www.patf.us))

**The Villanova Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities Project** was developed to identify and begin to overcome the barriers to health care faced particularly by women with disabilities. ([www.villanova.edu/nursing](http://www.villanova.edu/nursing))

### **2006 Commendation Awards**

**American DanceWheels Foundation** brings partner dancing to people of all abilities, and enables wheelchair users to dance with able-bodied partners.

([www.americandancewheels.org](http://www.americandancewheels.org))

**Let's Travel, Inc.** organizes free transportation and recreational outings for people with physical disabilities in South Jersey who have no other access to transportation.

([www.letstravelnow.org](http://www.letstravelnow.org))

**Pegasus Riding Academy** is the only program in Philadelphia offering therapeutic horseback riding for people with severe disabilities. ([www.pegasusridingacademy.com](http://www.pegasusridingacademy.com))