

Former members and supporters of Dearborn Commission on Disability Concerns honored

DEARBORN, Mich. – Members of the City of Dearborn’s Commission on Disability Concerns recently presented five special plaques to honor individuals for their contributions to the Commission and to its mission of making the life of the Dearborn community fully inclusive for people with disabilities.

The plaques were presented during the Commission’s annual “Pathway to Possibilities” disability awareness event on Thursday, Oct. 18, at Dearborn’s Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

Honored were:

- Dr. Cheryl Kreger – former assistant superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools and a former member of the Commission.
- Bill Tenant – associate director of programs for Mental Health Association in Michigan and a former member of the Commission.
- Cyndi Parrelly – executive secretary to Henry Ford Community College President Dr. Gail Mee and a former member of the Commission.
- The late Tony Filippis, Sr. – co-founder of the firm Wright & Filippis, which serves the needs of those with disabilities, and a strong supporter of the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame. The plaque was accepted by his son, A.J. Filippis.
- The late Mayor Michael A. Guido – presented to his widow, Kari Guido, in recognition of his commitment to the rights of people with disabilities for full inclusion in the life of the Dearborn community. Among his

many actions in support of this goal were establishing Dearborn's Commission on Disability Concerns and working with it to increase the accessibility of public facilities, services and programs.