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OPEN HEARTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Congregation's Information	Date _____
Congregation's Name _____	
Denomination _____	
Congregation Mailing Address _____	
City/State/Zip _____	
Telephone _____ Fax _____	
Name of Pastor or Rabbi _____	
Congregation/Pastors email _____	
Congregation Website _____	
Total Members _____ Average Weekly Attendance _____ Date Founded _____	

Applicant's Information
Name of Applicant _____
Applicant's Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____ Applicant's Fax _____
Applicant's email _____

People First Language

When writing or speaking about people with disabilities, words should be chosen with care in order to promote dignity. It is more respectful to focus on the person first rather than his or her disability. For example, rather than saying "the disabled," say "a person with a disability," and rather than saying, "afflicted with blindness," say "a person who is blind." To be considered for an award, **Open Hearts nomination essays must use people first language.**

Open Hearts Award Grant Request

Describe how, if chosen a winner, the Open Hearts Award of up to \$1,000 will help the congregation to complete a specific, planned project that will expand access and inclusion efforts. Please include photos. Please attach your request to this entry form.

Video or Essay with Photos

In a short video or a short essay with a series of photos, show how your congregation uses best practices to welcome and include individuals of all abilities in worship, ministries, fellowship, religious education and leadership roles at your house of faith.

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OPEN HEARTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM (continued)

Accommodations Provided

Check the accommodations your faith community provides so that all may participate.

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| Accessible, clearly marked: | <input type="checkbox"/> accessible altar | <input type="checkbox"/> "accommodations provided" is placed on event announcements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> entrances | <input type="checkbox"/> accessible ambo/ bimah | <input type="checkbox"/> access symbols used in print materials, signage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parking spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> large print prayer books | <input type="checkbox"/> congregation surveyed for needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> washrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> assistive listening devices | Disability etiquette training completed for: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drop off area | <input type="checkbox"/> sign language interpreters | <input type="checkbox"/> clergy, lay leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> automatic doors | <input type="checkbox"/> pew space at 32 inches | <input type="checkbox"/> ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social hall | <input type="checkbox"/> inclusive religious education | <input type="checkbox"/> greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> offices | <input type="checkbox"/> people first language is used in communications | <input type="checkbox"/> congregants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> meeting rooms | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 36 inch wide doorways | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> elevator | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ramps | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> curb cuts | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pew cutouts | | |

Participation by Worshipers of All Abilities

Members who have disabilities are involved in the following ministries:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> clergy | <input type="checkbox"/> gift bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> teen group leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deaconate | <input type="checkbox"/> religious educator | <input type="checkbox"/> teen group member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> altar server/acolyte | <input type="checkbox"/> leadership council | <input type="checkbox"/> day school student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> choir | <input type="checkbox"/> communion minister | <input type="checkbox"/> men's or women's clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> usher | <input type="checkbox"/> religious education student | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> greeter | | |

Certification Statement

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Pastor or Rabbi _____

Submission

Mail this completed nomination form, your request for a \$1,000 Open Hearts Award grant and your video or essay with photos to Pathways Awareness, 150 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60601. **Deadline for nominations is August 1.**