



Distinguished Service Awards

- ***Pursuit of Excellence Award***: presented to an individual who has exhibited excellence in outstanding long-time service to the SONM Organization.
- ***Coach of the Year***: presented to a coach who has best demonstrated a high degree of technical skill and commitment needed to motivate and train Special Olympics athletes.
- ***Outstanding Local Program***: presented to a local program that shows overall improvement, best exemplifies the Olympic spirit, and provides a well-developed, year-round program for its athletes, coaches, and volunteers.
- ***Outstanding Unified Partner***: presented to a Unified partner who embodies the spirit of Unified Sports, makes the teammates better by his/her actions on and off the field, and offers support to athletes to ensure they have the opportunity to advance to a new level of success.
- ***Outstanding Family***: presented to a Special Olympics family who has made unique and lasting contributions to the lives of mentally handicapped individuals through SONM. This family must have a Special Olympian in their family to be eligible for this award.
- ***Outstanding Games Volunteer***: presented to a volunteer whose actions have improved the quality of chapter level competitions.
- ***Outstanding Business/Corporation***: presented to a business or corporation who has made an outstanding commitment to SONM.
- ***Outstanding Civic/Service Organization***: presented to a club that shows year-round voluntary efforts or support, improving the quality of Special Olympics New Mexico.
- ***Outstanding Board Member***: presented to a board member who has demonstrated a high level of commitment to Special Olympics New Mexico.
- ***Hall of Fame***: presented to an individual who is retiring their long-time service to the athletes of SONM, having sustained and or advanced the Special Olympics movement in New Mexico.