

Kristen Malfara - Awards

AWARDS

I have always measured my successes one child at a time, quality over quantity is my objective! I have made it my mission to empower other parents with the information and equipment that I never had available to me for Morgan but that was so badly needed and nowhere to find. I try to inspire by example, and therefore enrich the lives of so many others traveling a similar journey as a caregiver to their child with disabilities.

As a volunteer, my dedicated support system has submitted my name for consideration for various awards over the years, in an effort to raise awareness of my mission and funds for this organization that has my heart:

- * In 2007 I was recognized as a "Women on a Mission, Voices for Change" winner by Charming Shoppes and The MONTEL Show, one of only 5 women across the country selected for this honor.
- * In 2009 I was selected as an "AllStar Among Us" by PEOPLE Magazine and Major League Baseball, one of only 30 volunteers chosen for this prestigious award for their community service and leadership.
- * In 2010 I was one of 3 women across the nation to receive the "Women who make a Difference" award from Longines and Town & Country Magazine for making a difference in my community.
- * In 2013 I was selected for the "Humanitarian of the Year Award" by Space Coast Medicine and Active Living Magazine, an honor shared with my husband as co-founders of The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project.
- * In 2014 I was honored by "Points of Light", and my community voted for me as a "Children's Hero of the Year" sponsored by the Eckerd for Kids Foundation.
- * In 2015 I was recognized as a "Small Business Champion of the Year" by the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce, as well as being recognized for the "Super Nova Award" from Brevard211.
- * In 2016 I was honored to be selected for the prestigious national "AARP Andrus Award" representing the state of Florida, their highest honor for volunteerism.

I have also been honored as a finalist for other awards recognizing volunteerism both locally and nationally. Although I have indeed won awards for volunteerism over the years I am a reluctant nominee, only allowing my name to be submitted for contests if it yields significant funds and/or awareness for our innovative support programs for these families, never simply for the accolades. I try to epitomize community service through volunteerism in all respects, and truly believe that it is my privilege to be Morgan's Mom.

Every child I help in his name is just one more way I get to honor him, and the inspiration he truly is!