

Below is a sample of a winning nomination for Christine Jameson, who won the Keystone Award in 2019. **This is a sample only and all submissions should be original.*

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It is my pleasure to nominate Christine Jameson for the Keystone Award. Christine has worked as a DSP for Cardinal Services since 2002. In her 16 years with the company, she has been a DSP in our Supported Living program and has consistently worked with the same individuals who have gradually increased their independence due to her support. She is known for her ability to push individuals to be as independent as possible and to live their lives as anyone else would. She is dependable and an extremely hard-work; if someone she supports needs additional assistance she is there to ensure they are supported. For instance, an individual that typically gets 5-10 hours of support a week experienced medical issues that required her to have 24/7 support. Christine increased her support to ensure the individual had what they needed during this time.

Christine has an uncanny ability to meet the people she serves exactly where they need her. For example, one of the consumers she supports cannot read or write. However, she created a book to support him in writing his own checks. In the book are all the letters and numbers he needs to write in order to complete the task independently. Another instance is a sticker system she created to help a consumer order her own medications. Each medication has a sticker on it with the reorder number. The consumer matches the sticker to the page with the prescription number so she is able to call and do that on her own. These are just two examples, of many, that Christine has assisted the people she serves in being as independent as possible.

Not only is Christine able to come up with creative ideas to help the people she serves become more independent, but she also supports them in reaching and meeting their goals and dreams. Christine was introduced to Search Beyond Adventures and instantly thought of one of the gentlemen she works with. Within no time, this gentleman was saving for his first trip, on his own, with Search Beyond. Since then, he's been to Ireland, England, New York, LA, Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean, Cayman Islands Florida, Disney World, Disneyland, and New Orleans!

Christine is extremely patient and willing to do whatever it takes to help the people she serves meet their goals of being as independent as possible. Her talented skillset and hard-working attitude are what make Christine Jameson an extremely valued employee at Cardinal Services. Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Christine at the INARF Keystone Award winner.