



# News & Views



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## Annual Meeting

The IICIL Annual Meeting was held on Monday, March 27, 2023. It was held in-person, invitation only due to COVID and the safety of all the participants.

The Awardees were:

**Advocate of the Year:** Melissa Jolly

The Open Network

Habitat for Humanity

**Volunteer of the Year:** Shirley Holgorsen

**Interpreter Business of the Year:** Carl Sandburg College

**Board & Staff Years of Service:**

### 3 Years of Service

Nicholas Miller

Karen Roebuck

Steve Gottcent

### 5 Years of Service

Ida Robinson

\*Pictures are on page two\*

Thank you to everyone that has helped this agency continue to serve people with disabilities, their families and the community possible! We can't do what we do without your support!

The IICIL Board & Staff



## 2021-2022 Annual Meeting Pictures



### Advocate of the Year

Quad Cities Open Network  
Left to right: Isabel Watts, Cecelia Bailey  
Executive Director, Bonnie Ballard  
and Liz Sherwin



### Volunteer of the Year

Left to right: Bonnie Ballard, Liz  
Sherwin and Shirley Holgorsen



### Interpreter Business of the Year,

Left to right: Stefani Gillan of  
Carl Sandburg College - Bonnie  
Ballard and Liz Sherwin.



### Advocate of the Year

Left to right: Tom Fisher-King  
Executive Director Habitat , Ben  
Kantner - Construction Director,  
Bonnie Ballard and Liz Sherwin.



Left to right: Bonnie Ballard, Liz  
Sherwin and Ida Robinson Board  
Member

5 Years of Service.



Left to Right: Bonnie Ballard,  
Liz Sherwin and Karen Roebuck  
Board Member

3 years of service.



Left to right: Steve Gottcent, Board  
Member , Bonnie Ballard, Liz  
Sherwin

3 Years of Service



Left to right: Bonnie Ballard, Liz  
Sherwin and Nicholas Miller Board  
Member

3 Years of Service

Not pictured:

### Advocate of the Year

Melissa Jolly,  
Social Services Director  
Allure of Moline





Pictured from left to right: Rachel Mingo, Albert Mingo, Kathleen (Mingo) O'Brien and Kimberly (Mingo) Barron.

Center of the mural is Dale & Shirley Mingo waving.

Not present: Lori Mingo

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, we had a surprise visit from the Mingo family. Their parents (Dale & Shirley Mingo) are painted on the mural on the outside of our building.

The Mingo family has played an important role in the disability community, but especially in the Deaf community. Dale was one of the first IICIL Board members. He, his wife Shirley and their five children are all Deaf and have been active in the Deaf community their entire lives, whether in the Quad Cities or in the cities they currently live.

## Upcoming Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Quad City Music Guild offers Audio Description with sensory seminar as well as closed captions of our performances for our patrons. These free services are made available on the 2nd Saturday of productions that run for two weekends, and on Saturday for those productions that run only one weekend. This season's dates are:

Singin' in the Rain- 06/17/2023

The Wizard of Oz- 07/15/2023

Pippin- 08/12/2023

Sweeney Todd- 11/18/2023

Quad City Music Guild also offers ASL interpretations of our performances for our deaf and hard of hearing patrons. This free service is made available on the 2nd Friday of productions that run for two weekends, and on Friday for those productions that run only one weekend. This season's dates are:

Singin' in the Rain- 06/16/2023

The Wizard of Oz- 07/14/2023

Pippin- 08/11/2023

Sweeney Todd- 11/17/2023

We, as an organization, are dedicated to providing high-quality musical theater entertainment to every member of our community. We would love it if you could pass this information along to anyone that may benefit from these services. Please feel free to reach out to myself or our box office at (309) 762-6610 with any questions regarding these services.

## Low-vision Summer VIP Program

Join us and explore the many possibilities that can help you continue doing the things that are important to you.

You will:

- . Make new friends.
- . Receive peer support and social interaction.
- . Learn new independent living skills.
- . Learn assistive technology.
- . Receive free information and referral services.
- . And more!



When: May, June, and July 2023.

Where:

Project NOW Rock Island County Senior Center  
(2221 11th St, Rock Island)

CASI  
(1035 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport)

Sarah Harding Senior Living  
(308 S Bluff Blvd, Clinton)



For further information, call Thandra, IICIL Blind and Low-vision Advocate at 309-737-0857.





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