***25 for 25!***

**Honoring 25 Disability Champions to Celebrate 25 Years of ADA**

The National Disability Mentoring Coalition (NDMC) is launching the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame, carrying on the legacy of one of the disability community’s most admired leaders, whose passion was to connect young people with disabilities to careers through mentoring.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the NDMC plans to honor 25 outstanding leaders and mentors as the Hall of Fame’s first inductees. Nominations are being solicited nationally, with the finalists selected by an NDMC panel. We are seeking nominations for individuals from diverse backgrounds, including community volunteers, educators, non-profit leaders, business leaders, entrepreneurs, public officials/employees. Selection criteria include:

* Individual’s demonstrated commitment to mentoring individuals with disabilities
* Impact of the nominee’s contributions on improving the lives of individuals with disabilities

**Please send nominations, with brief rationale (500 words or less) to** **gthomas@pyd.org** **by September1, 2015.**  Awardees will be announced live at the 2015 USBLN 18th Annual National Conference & Biz2Biz Expo on September 28, 2015 and publicized throughout October to coincide with National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

***About the National Disability Mentoring Coalition***

The mission of the National Disability Mentoring Coalition (NDMC) is to increase the awareness, quality and impact of mentoring for individuals with disabilities across the nation. Member organizations share core values and align with the C's mission to streamline communication, standardize and systematize data collection, reduce duplication of efforts, increase mentoring opportunities, and improve outcomes for youth and adults with disabilities. The Coalition integrates mentoring into its own operational model to transfer historical knowledge, foster innovation, and develop new opportunities for individuals with disabilities across their lifespan. Learn more about the NDMC at: [www.pyd.org/national-disability-mentoring-coalition.php](http://www.pyd.org/national-disability-mentoring-coalition.php).