## 2025 STAND OUT CHAMPION

An award to recognize people, with and without developmental differences, who go above and beyond to advocate for the DD community.

## A Pursuit of Justice

## NICOLE MOEHRING'S FIGHT FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS AND REFORM

Nicole Moehring is a devoted mother and tireless advocate who is dedicated to justice, inclusion, and amplifying the voices of individuals with disabilities.

Nicole Moehring's advocacy began with a deeply personal and heartbreaking journey. In her powerful book, "Evan's Voice: A Boy with a Disability. Abused and Failed by Many. And His Mother's Quest for Justice", she shares the story of her son, Evan, who lives with Fragile X Syndrome and autism. Both Evan and his neurotypical sister, Maci, were victims of sexual abuse, but their experiences with the justice system were drastically different. While Maci received support and legal acknowledgment, Evan's case was dismissed, and his rights were seemingly overlooked due to his disability. This disparity ignited Nicole's passion for advocacy.

"I just kept pushing, I was relentless. The system is not equipped to handle kids with disabilities, and it has to change – something needs to be done."

Nicole Moehring
Voices for Change Founder

Determined to create change, in 2018, Nicole founded "Voices of Change", a nonprofit that educates, advocates for, and empowers people with disabilities. Through her writing and activism, Nicole challenges societal norms and strives to create a more inclusive and just world.

Adding to her growing body of work, Nicole launched a new educational and awareness book series titled "Evan and Gillian Says", which educate children with developmental and intellectual



differences on what is appropriate and what is not when it comes to their bodies and their safety. Her goal is to help reduce the risk of abuse. "We wanted to create books with characters that could be relatable. Our goal is to reach readers of all cognitive levels, and we wanted to provide education to get on the frontend, so kids know what is appropriate and what is not."

She is also currently on the Advisory Board for the Ohio Attorney General Committee for Crime Victims with Disabilities and is in the process of getting a new law approved to better serve people with disabilities who are victims of crime.

Nicole Moehring's work is a powerful reminder that one individual's determination can bring about meaningful change for many. Her story is not only about personal courage, but about changing systems, challenging injustice, and building a better future for individuals with disabilities whose voices are often marginalized. She has exemplified what it means to be an advocate for all.



Congratulations Nicole Moehring for being chosen as a recipient of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities' 2025 Stand Out Champion Award.