

# - 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.



## Living Without Limits

### TRENT FUMICH'S STORY OF STRENGTH, CREATIVITY, AND AUTISM ADVOCACY

Trent Fumich was diagnosed with autism, and while he has faced some challenges that may have been discouraging, he hasn't backed down. Rather, he has leaned in with creativity and unshakable determination.

His latest accomplishment is a book titled 'Autism Does Not Have Limits', which dives into the life of Terrell, a high school student who was recently diagnosed with autism. "I write to express myself. My story is fiction but I used experiences from real life," said Trent. The story offers readers an authentic look into the life of someone with autism, and shines a light on the challenges and strengths that come with an autism diagnosis. His book gives neurotypical readers insight into a world they may not fully understand, and offers those with autism a relatable character who may reflect their own experiences.

*"Trent is an exceptional young man who is an amazing advocate for people with developmental differences,"* said Danielle Lino, Trent's Case Manager at the Medina County Board of DD. "In his book, he stressed the fact that people with differences are capable of doing the things they set their mind to and that no goal is unreachable. Trent continues to excel in his life and meet his goals, both small

and large. He is a perfect example of someone who stands out, and through his book he has also spoken up and paved a path for others with differences."

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is honored to present Trent Fumich with the Stand Out Champion Award. Through his unwavering dedication and exceptional advocacy, Trent continues to forge a path of opportunity and progress for himself and for others.

While Trent stated that the Stand Out Champion Award was an honor, it was clear that it's also a reminder that **having autism is not a limitation, but a strength**. His journey encourages others with developmental differences to dream boldly, advocate for others, and never underestimate what's possible when you believe in yourself.

*"He hasn't let anything slow him down. Everything he puts his mind to, he achieves. He puts in so much effort to live a limitless life, and he is proof that you shouldn't give up on dreams just because of a diagnosis."*

*- Danielle Lino, MCBDD Service and Support Administrator*

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