



## ***Kenneth Keith to receive the 2024 ACN John T. Clark Award***

The Autism Center of Nebraska is proud to announce Dr. Kenneth Keith, Ph.D. as the distinguished recipient of the John T. Clark Award. This accolade celebrates Dr. Keith's exceptional dedication and contributions to advancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities in Nebraska.

Throughout his tenure as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and his involvement with the ACN Governance and Finance Committees, Dr. Keith has been instrumental in shaping policies and initiatives that promote the integration of individuals with developmental disabilities into their communities. His unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive environments has left a profound impact on the community.

Dr. Keith's journey towards advocacy and support for individuals with disabilities began early in life. Inspired by his friendships with individuals with developmental disabilities and his undergraduate studies in psychology, he immersed himself in research focused on human learning, quality of life, and cultural psychology. Dr. Keith firmly believes in the power of communities to support individuals of all abilities, advocating for holistic approaches that prioritize inclusion and support.

This award will be celebrated at ACN's [2024 Hats Off Gala](#), which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 26th at ACN's headquarters at 9012 Q Street in Omaha. The event promises to be a heartfelt celebration of Dr. Keith's dedication, passion, and unwavering advocacy for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

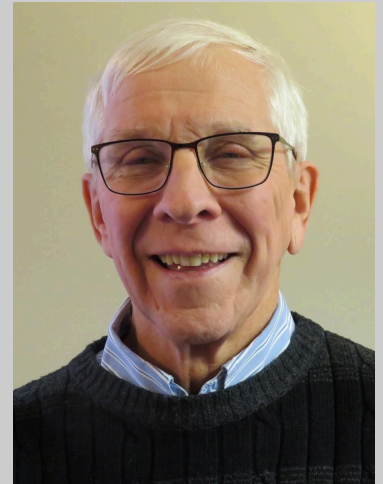
"This is an award I can accept only as a representative of so many people who have sacrificed and done so much more," Dr. Keith said in regards to this award. "Our heroes are the people receiving services, the parents and family members who support them, and the dedicated staff who spend their lives helping others to achieve ordinary lives in the community. Ollie Webb had it right when she said 'Call me by my name.'"

Dr. Keith says, "Our job is not finished until the labels we use are those applied to everyone: sister, brother, neighbor, co-worker, student, friend—when we are all known simply by the company we keep."

Dr. Keith's dedication extends beyond his role at ACN; he is a beacon of inspiration for all those who strive to create a more inclusive and compassionate society. His legacy will continue to inspire positive change and empower individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential.

Ken Keith is professor emeritus of psychological sciences at University of San Diego. He was a full-time member of the faculty from 1999-2012, and served as department chair from 1999-2007. He is author or editor of more than 160 scientific and professional publications. A list of his publications may be found [here](#)

[Autism Center of Nebraska 2024 Hats Off Gala](#)



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You may honor Dr. Keith with your presence at the Hats Off Gala by registering [here](#) or sending a donation in Dr. Keith's honor to Autism Center of Nebraska (address below). Please indicate "in honor of Dr. Kenneth Keith" in the memo section of your check or in the notes section of your [online gift](#).

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