



Amanda Peebles

Against the Odds Achievement Award

Amanda Peebles is a remarkable young woman who has faced many challenges in her life. She is being presented today with the Against the Odds Achievement Award in recognition of her ongoing volunteerism and her efforts on behalf of others with developmental barriers.

Born with a developmental disability, Amanda entered elementary school barely able to communicate, with very poor motor skills, and few social skills. With help from her family and the school system, and with a great deal of hard work and determination, she has conquered many of her challenges.

After high school, Amanda attended and graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley TASK program, where she received a diploma in food safety and first aid, and she studied in the Community Support program through the Mission Association for Community Living.

Amanda has volunteered with the Salvation Army and her former high school. She currently volunteers with Meals on Wheels, the Illuminaria Festival, the food bank, and Pleasant View nursing home. Amanda is also a member of the Share Your Light Choir.

Four years ago, Amanda became a Big Sister for youth with disabilities. She participates in Special Olympics floor hockey, soccer, softball, bowling, and track and field, and has won numerous medals.