

# A Ripple Effect

## 2018 Many Hands Award Melody Lehrman

“I am nominating Melody Lehrman for the 2018 DS ACT Many Hands Award. Melody has become a fixture in the Connecticut Down Syndrome Community. Melody has a passion for introducing new families, setting up and organizing events for the 21 Strong Group, play dates, and general support to families.

For the past six years I have seen Melody involved with family members, neighbors, teachers, business owners, medical professionals, and families. Melody has shown kindness and is such a strong advocate for individuals with Down Syndrome. She has guided families on where to find instruction, therapies, and resources while showing the power of inclusion to give families the hope they desire.

Melody has sacrificed thousands of unpaid hours and has been one of the most dedicated volunteers in any mission I have ever seen. She has brought together so many families in such a short time. Many of these families would be lost without her. Please accept my nomination for Melody Lehrman.”

