

# Governor's Council on Disability

## 2014 Youth Leadership Award Winner

*Winners exemplify standards of excellence in enhancing life for individuals living with disabilities*

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) has selected the winner of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award**. The Youth Leadership Award is a program to recognize an outstanding Missouri youth (age 18-30) with a disability that has demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.

**The winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award winner is Claire Solomon**

Claire Solomon is an alumni of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities. Claire takes her knowledge of leadership skills and applies them to everyday life. While she was still in high school, she provided presentations on invisible disabilities to her peers. Claire exemplifies the spirit of giving back to her community and demonstrates her willingness to take the initiative in being active in her community by taking part in the St. Louis Arc's Neighborhood Experiences project, the Paraquad Youth Group, and Variety's Bike for Kids Program. Currently, she is an art student at Missouri State University and continues to go out of her way to become active on her campus by participating in the Maroon Madness, a dance marathon, and volunteering at the Turner center, assisting other young people with their art.

The award will be presented at the Power Up conference at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on April 14, 2015.

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