

## **2006 OWSA Yassenoff Award Rachel E. Duhs-Baumgardner**



The Leo Yassenoff Award is presented annually by OWSA for the purpose of recognizing an individual or group who has significantly contributed to OWSA's mission of offering opportunities for the wheelchair person through the Ohio Wheelchair Games, their sport or leisure activity groups with OWSA. The contribution may take the form of sharing leadership talent in providing sport or leisure activity opportunities to the wheelchair athlete or through generous support to sustain the organization or the OWSA program of activities.

The individual we honor this evening has made meaningful contributions to OWSA's mission through her volunteer activities in support of the Ohio Games, her involvement in the organizational matters of the Association and her administrative leadership with the Ohio Games.

In terms of her volunteer activities in the Games, she participated in a variety of tasks. Assisting with registration, securing food/water, helping with the filling of the athletes' gift bags, arranging for the Game's T-shirt and assisting with the collection of raffle items illustrate the kind of activities she contributed to as a volunteer. Our Honoree is a past director for the Ohio Games. In accepting the leadership role of managing the Games, our honoree became a valuable part of that sustaining energy that has made the continuous presentation of the Games since 1970 possible.

For her many contributions through her volunteer activities for the Games, her serving as a Board member and her leadership position as director of the Ohio Games, we wish to take this moment to recognize and honor an individual who has given of herself by sharing her time, energy and gifts for the sake of the wheelchair sport athlete- our 2006 Yassenoff Award honoree, Rachel E. Duhs-Baumgardner.