

**IAEM 2007 AWARDS PROGRAM
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Name of Person Submitting Entry:
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Non-Member (An entry fee of \$75 is required for each entry by a non-member.)

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Choose the Award Category for this Entry:

Career Excellence Award

Academic Recognition Award

Public Awareness Award

Check Division:

Local Emergency Management Agency

State/Regional/National International Government, International,
or Non-Profit Organization

Commercial or Other For-Profit Organization

Technology & Innovation Award

Check Division:

Local Emergency Management Agency

State/Regional/National International Government, International,
or Non-Profit Organization

Commercial or Other For-Profit Organization

Partners in Preparedness Award

Business and Industry Award

Name of the Program/Activity: (or name of nominee if you are nominating someone for the Career Excellence Award or Academic Recognition Award)

**Congregations Who Care-
Prepare**

Brief Summary of the Program/Activity: (Maximum 100 words)

EPI created the "Congregations Who Care-Prepare" campaign with NOD's Religion and Disability program. Recognizing the faith-based community plays a critical role in disaster management, we have built upon our accessible congregations movement to encourage full participation of congregations as they educate their members on disaster preparedness and how to better serve people with disabilities and special needs before, during, and after a disaster. We educate congregations across America on what they can do for personal preparedness and how to provide response and recovery assistance to their members with disabilities and special needs, as well as their surrounding community.

Details of the Program/Activity: (Answer each section.)

1. Tell us why this program/activity was/is important, or explain why the individual deserves the award for which nomination is being made. (maximum 200 words)

Capitolizing on the organization and mission-driven focus a congregation may have in providing disaster services, we promote full participation and education of their members, as well as universal access to the individuals they may be assisting. We educate congregations on preparedness for all of their members, with or without disabilities, facility readiness and accesibilitiy standards for congregations who may be providing mass care and shelter services. Faith-based networks reach a broad audience and are very active in emergency management, it is crucial that we tap this resource to assist the most vulnerable populations. With this effort we hope to reduce the burden on the traditional emergency management system. By accessing volunteers through the faith-based systems, we are more likely to find an inclusive environment where people with disabilities themselves are able to actively participate in the response efforts. The CWC-P campaign helps fill the gap in a much needed area of disaster management.

2. Number of staff, volunteers, and community members involved in program/activity. (maximum 200 words)

Internally at NOD we have 6 full time personnel working on EPI and CWC-P activities. We are slowly reaching 100 congregations participating across the country. As the program continues to grow, we expect this effort to become a formal partner with the National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters.

3. Tell us how staff, volunteers and community members were involved. (maximum 200 words)

This campaign was developed as an ongoing complement to the nationally recognized EPI program. We developed strategic partners throughout the country from a variety of faith-based communities. We provide outreach and education to these congregations, as well as technical assistance on how to provide a more inclusive environment for their disaster services.

4. Tell us how the tactical plans and budget were developed. (maximum 200 words)

The CWC-P campaign is part of the larger EPI program and is funded by the budgets and monies dedicated to the EPI program. Currently we are primarily funded by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and include the faith-based efforts in our grant deliverables.

Financial Resources for the Program/Activity:

To help judges evaluate both your efforts and the results, including the impact of your project, please estimate cash, grants and in-kind contributions that supported your program/activity. For consistency and comparison purposes, calculate values in U.S. dollars (go to www.xe.com to use free on-line currency converter).

a. Cash (actual financial contributions, donations, grants etc.)	500,000
b. In-Kind (value of materials, labor, etc., contributed to project)	100,000
c. Total vale of cash, grants, donations and in-kind resources (add a & b).	600,000

Number of people affected by your program/activity: Over 100,000 to date

Is your program/activity ongoing? **Yes** **No**

Tell us how the project has had an impact on your constituency or community.
(maximum 200 words)

CWC-P has allowed people with disabilities to find an avenue for volunteerism within their congregation and community. By encourgaing full participation, we have increased the morale and personal preparedness of individuals with disabilities. Congregations have recognized that they not only provide services to their general membership, but during disasters they provide services to all people, regardless of ability or need. The CWC-P campaign empowers congregation members and people with disabilities to take part in emergency preparedness and serve those who may the most help before, during, and after a disaster. As this program continues to grow, we will see a more organized group of people with disabilities involved in volunteerism for disasters.