



**Nomination for
2010 Mary Frances Duren
Special Needs Teacher of the Year Award**

This award will be presented at the annual DDM Opening New Worlds Conference to a special needs teacher/leader in a church who teaches people with disabilities and/or was instrumental in leading the church to provide ministries to those with special needs. The nominee must have at least three years of experience in this ministry.

It is not necessary for nominees to have received training as special education teachers in the school system. This award is designed to recognize a volunteer in a church who has a heart for helping people with special needs.

Nominations can be made by the church pastor or minister of education and must include a letter of recommendation from a parent.

Nominations should include the following information about the teacher:

- His/her Christian calling and heart for this kind of ministry
- Special needs church ministries he/she has helped to start
- Example of how teacher has helped to make a difference in the lives of a family/child

Nominations will be accepted through February 28, 2010. Nominations will be coded in such a way that judges do not know the nominee's name or church name until after a decision has been reached. A response will be sent to all who submit a nomination.

Judges will include the Church Services Department Director and the DDM Ministry Board.

Send nominations to: **Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc.**
ATTN: Church Services Department
6320 Amherst Court, Norcross, GA 30092

Questions? Please call DDM Church Services at 1-888-340-5820.



Mary Frances Duren is a pioneer in special needs ministry in Georgia and has helped numerous churches begin ministries while serving in her own church. She was inspired to serve people with special needs because of her devotion to her late sister, Martha Duren.