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LOCAL ATTORNEY HONORED BY NATIONAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION

INDIANAPOLIS—Local attorney and accessibility consultant Gregory S. Fehribach will be honored next month by the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc. (OI Foundation).

Fehribach will receive the Unbreakable Spirit Award at the foundation's annual gala in Washington, D.C. on May 12. The award celebrates Fehribach's work in Indianapolis and nationwide to improve accessibility of public facilities as well as enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI) is a genetic bone disorder, much like osteoporosis. The OI Foundation is the only voluntary national health organization dedicated to helping people address the problems associated with OI. According to the foundation, there are 702 families in Indiana who have a family member with OI.

Fehribach was diagnosed with OI at birth. His diagnosis of OI made him acutely aware at an early age of the importance of universal design. A graduate of Ball State University and Ohio Northern University Law School, Fehribach has dedicated a significant part of his legal career to create designs that benefit all involved, especially individuals with disabilities and members of the aging population.

"It's an honor and a privilege to receive the Unbreakable Spirit Award from the OI Foundation," said Fehribach. "People with disabilities share the same dreams and goals as every American, yet our path to the future sometimes takes a different turn. While we have accomplished a great deal, there is still more for us to do to ensure every person with a disability has the opportunity to realize these dreams and goals."

Fehribach's company, The Fehribach Group, has advised several high-profile universal design projects in the last six years, enhancing accessibility through use of ramps, elevators, and proper signage. Recent projects include the Lucas Oil Stadium, the Midfield Terminal at the Indianapolis International Airport, and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

Headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland, the OI Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people affected by OI through research to find treatments and a cure, education, awareness, and mutual support. Fehribach served as a member of the organization's Board of Directors from 1992 to 1994, and continues to work with local families and friends of people with OI.

For more information about the OI Foundation, please visit their website at www.oif.org or call them toll free at 1-800-981-2663.