

Lorraine Sheehan of Edgewater recently was inducted into the 2002 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame at ceremonies in Annapolis. The celebration was sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland.

A former Maryland Secretary of State, Ms. Sheehan has been active in the disability movement because of her son John being diagnosed with significant disabilities.

She has been a leading advocate in the state for individuals with disabilities and one of the nation's influential advocates.

A past president of the Arc of Anne Arundel County, she is vice president of the Arc of the United States and chairman of its government affairs committee.

She served as a member of the Maryland General Assembly for nine years, introducing bills on transportation for students with disabilities.

She also has served as a commissioner to the Anne Arundel County Housing Authority, where she focused much of her work on independent housing for people with disabilities.

Ms. Sheehan is the public policy director for the Maryland Disability Law Center and during legislative session represents nonprofit organizations in the capital.

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