

## **Mary Busey Harris, CAE Professionalism Award**

### **2025 Nominee: Executive Director Kayvon Leath**

As a dedicated member of Austin NARI, Kayvon Leath was hired as Executive Director in 2012 during a challenging period for the chapter. Her exceptional organizational skills immediately brought much-needed stability and direction. Over the years, Kayvon has overseen remarkable membership growth, propelling Austin NARI to become one of the top chapters in the country.

Kayvon's leadership, positive attitude, and tireless work ethic have been indispensable to the chapter's success. She single-handedly organizes all events, including the Chili Cookoff, Golf Tournament, Clay Shoot, Tour of Homes, REMODELING Awards (ROTY), and Casino Night. Beyond these major events, she manages countless operational details, such as ordering food for general membership meetings, securing meeting venues, and coordinating with sponsors and donors.

In 2022 and 2023, Kayvon played a vital role in the largest community service project in the chapter's history. Thanks to her efforts in fundraising and volunteer coordination, Austin NARI completed a project with a retail value of \$175,000 for less than \$20,000-all at no cost to the homeowners.

Most recently, Kayvon led a fundraiser that raised over \$18,000 to support the chapter president during a medical emergency. Her unwavering commitment and ability to rally the community exemplify her dedication to NARI and its mission.

Kayvon Leath has been an instrumental force in Austin NARI's growth and success. We firmly believe she is incredibly deserving of the Mary Busey Harris, CAE Professionalism Award.