Call for Nominations

The Sudbury & District Health Unit is issuing a Call for Nominations for the 2016 Public Health Champion Awards. The 2016 Public Health Champion Award will recognize one individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our communities by championing and leading equitable opportunities for health across the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts.

The theme for this year’s award is inspired by our You Can Create Change campaign. The campaign encourages people to take action to support opportunities for health for everyone. Actions include for example, getting involved in local issues, volunteering your time, donating to worthy causes, and getting informed and asking important questions.

This year’s Public Health Champion Award will recognize a community member or organization that has helped to spark change and impact social and economic factors that influence health.

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination, an individual or organization must be a resident of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. Current members of the Sudbury & District Board of Health and current Sudbury & District Health Unit staff are not eligible.

Criteria

Nominations are evaluated by a committee of Sudbury & District Board of Health members and Health Unit staff. The award recipient will be selected based on demonstrated achievements toward improving the underlying social and economic conditions that support health. The recipient will promote positive public health in line with theme of the You Can Create Change campaign.

You Can Create Change raises awareness of the social determinants of health and their effect on health, particularly related to:

- income and social status
- social support networks
- education and literacy
- healthy child development
- employment and working conditions
- social and physical environments
- housing
- food security
- gender and sexual identities
- culture
Nominees will be further evaluated based on demonstration of the following attributes:

**Leadership**
For example:
- Advocating for and supporting public policies that address health equity and the determinants of health
- Gathering public health data or conducting research to contribute to the advancement of public health strategies

**Collaboration**
For example:
- Strengthening partnerships across sectors and among diverse groups
- Creating information sharing strategies
- Promoting awareness and deepening community commitment to public health

**Innovation**
For example:
- Creating new strategies to support awareness, education, advocacy and policy development for the promotion of health equity
- Advancing new approaches to cross-cultural communications
- Empowering marginalized and vulnerable populations

**Fostering opportunities for health**
For example:
- Acting as a catalyst for positive change
- Mobilizing resources to respond to an emerging public health issue
- Affecting measurable change through strategy and implementation

**Nominations**
Nominations can be sent by fax, email, or mail to the contact information provided on the form. Entry forms are available on-line at www.sdhu.com. Award recipients will be honoured at an awards ceremony on October 17, 2016.
2016 Nomination Form

Nominee Information

☐ Individual ☐ Organization
☐ Nominee has been informed of the nomination

Name: __________________________________________________________

Organization: ____________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Postal Code: _______________

Telephone (daytime): ___________________ Email: ___________________

Nominator Information

Name: __________________________________________________________

Organization: ____________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Postal Code: _______________

Telephone (daytime): ___________________ Email: ___________________

Please describe your relationship to the nominee:

_______________________________________________________________

Nominator Letter

Please provide a brief summary (less than 500 words) outlining why the nominee should be recognized as a Public Health Champion and indicate which of the four criteria the nomination is submitted under (one or more criteria may be indicated):

• Providing leadership in efforts to reduce health inequalities
• Fostering collaboration to improve the health of the population
• Building community capacity and advancing new approaches through innovation
• Achieving impact by fostering opportunities for health

Profile of Nominee

Please provide a brief profile of the nominee (maximum one page). This can be in the form of a resumé or biography (for individuals) or a program summary (for organizations). The profile must include specific examples of achievements relevant to the nomination. For organizations, please describe any current relationship with the Sudbury & District Health Unit (e.g. funding, partnership).
Letter of Support

Please provide a letter of support for a nomination (less than 500 words). The letter of support should come from someone other than the nominator, and should be external to any nominated organization. The letter should include contact information, and the relationship to the nominee.

Submission and Deadline – Revised

The full application, including all documentation, must be received by the deadline, 4:30 p.m. September 13, 2016.

Nominations can be sent by fax, email, or mail to:

**Sudbury & District Health Unit**
1300 Paris Street
Sudbury ON P3E 3A3
Email: sdhu@sdhu.com
Fax: 705.677.9604

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Questions can be directed to:

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