Breaking New Ground

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24th Annual NJ Supportive Housing Conference 2022

2021 Housing Hero Award Winners

Nomination Form

Supportive Housing Hero Leadership Award

Each day on the front lines advocates, and agency leadership at all levels demonstrate heroic levels of creativity, dedication, compassion and hours of tireless work in order to keep people safe, healthy and housed. This year we pay tribute to these special individuals or teams who have put forth exceptional and consistent efforts in the lives of people living in special needs housing. Heroes can be:

- ✓ Executive Directors
- ✓ Clinical staff
- ✓ Direct Support Professionals
- ✓ Administrators, Operations Managers
- ✓ Tenants or Volunteers
- ✓ Teams or departments who have pulled together, adapted or created new practices or programs
- ✓ Elected Officials, Legislators, Legislative Staff
- ✓ Municipalities, Public employees

These are just a few examples in a variety of ways heroes have emerged over the last year.

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GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

What is the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey Awards?

The annual Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA) Awards recognize successful initiatives, and honor the leadership and dedication of outstanding individuals and organizations that increase permanent supportive housing opportunities for special populations in New Jersey. These individuals and organizations play a leadership role in the creation of housing that is supportive, accessible, and affordable while maximizing the supportive services available to the residents who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on the willingness to take risks and experiment with ground breaking approaches and strategies. At SHA we believe that supportive housing models will continue to evolve to a place where there will be many more options both in architectural design and federal/state policies that will accommodate more innovation and the mixing of public and private dollars to expand the industry. The awards showcase models of excellence in design, operations and management of supportive housing. The awards are designed to highlight the unwavering commitment of the nominees to transform the lives of those with special needs in order to inspire others and increase awareness for the need for housing and supportive services. We encourage you to complete nomination forms for one or more the categories noted and share the success stories occurring every day in supportive housing.

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable, lease-based housing for people of low income with access to flexible supportive services. Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs including those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless. Supportive housing provides a safe, affordable home with access to support services so that individuals can live as independently as possible in communities of their choice. Supportive housing can be found in a variety of settings, in different constellations, and may include scattered site apartments, individual apartments, shared apartments as well as (more rarely) home ownership. Some supportive housing exists in affordable housing complexes that are often integrated with non-disabled individuals/families. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation assistance, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention.

Award Nomination Process

You can nominate your own organization, another organization, an individual or a group who has contributed to supportive housing in New Jersey. Resubmissions of past nominations are welcome. Please see the award criteria listed for each award category for specific eligibility requirements.

All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on September 9, 2022.
Award winners will be notified by September 23, 2022.

The SHA Awards Committee will review all fully completed nomination forms. The Committee will judge nominees according to the criteria described under each award. The decisions made by the Awards Committee are based the information received within each nomination entry packet, including supplementary materials. Any members of the SHA Awards Committee with a personal connection or association with any nomination shall not participate in the review and discussion of that particular nomination. Awards will be presented during the 24th Annual Conference held at The Palace in Somerset on November 4, 2022.

Submission Directions:

Please complete the information below and the following essay with as much detail as possible. You may include in addition to the application, a list of awards, recognitions or published material that illustrate the nominee's exceptional leadership.

Download the document to the computer in order to complete. Please email the completed form and any additional information to SHA-conference@shanj.org. All questions regarding the nomination process can be directed to the SHA office at 908.931.1131 or to Diane Riley at Diane.Riley@shanj.org or SHA-conference@shanj.org.

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Nominator

Name:_____

Organization/Company:_____

Telephone_____ Email: _____

Nominee

Name:_____

Current Position/Title:_____

Municipal Agency/Organization:_____

Address:_____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Award Recipients should be available for Conference Award Ceremony on November 4, 2022 at The Palace in Somerset. SHA may select more than one Housing Hero for 2022.

Supportive Housing Hero Leadership Award Questions

Please describe in 500 words or less on the following page how the nominee's achievements match the spirit of this award. To assist those thinking of nominating someone or group to honor, please consider the following points:

- ✓ Proven action, innovations or recent work that has responded to an emerging need that affected change in lives of a person or group of people living in supportive housing.
- ✓ Risks undertaken by nominee.
- ✓ Examples of how the nominee has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist supportive housing and/or those with special needs.
- ✓ Proven action, innovations or recent work that has affected change in the supportive housing field.
- ✓ Proven personal or organization integrity in serving the special needs population.

There are inspirational leadership in our field and we desire to hear these compelling stories.

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Additional Information - Optional

List any awards, achievements, press write-ups, legislation or any pertinent information that illustrate how the the Nominee has provided exceptional leadership which you feel would further distinguish your nomination . Please email this additional information to SHA-conference@shanj.org or mail them to Diane Riley at 185 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

Questions

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For more information, please see our website: www.shanj.org