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24th Annual NJ Supportive Housing Conference 2022

2019 Municipal Award Winner

Nomination Form

Supportive Housing Municipal Award

The Supportive Housing Municipal Award recognizes the accomplishments of a town or city that has proactively created supportive housing opportunities for people with disabilities and other special needs. This can be in the form of housing plans that creatively incorporate housing for special needs, the use of municipal housing trust funds for special needs housing, or municipal initiatives with non-profit providers or families for the benefit of community integration and access by those living with a disability. Award recipient will be publicly recognized at the NJ Supportive Housing Association Conference.

Award Recipient should be available for Conference Award Ceremony on November 4, 2022 at The Palace in Somerset.

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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 requested including any additional required documentation. Upon completion, please send nomination to SHA-conference@shanj.org with your agency name and type of nomination in the subject line. If you require additional room please submit a separate Word file. If you need assistance in completing the nomination or are having difficulty completing it (your computer's Adobe program may be out of date), please contact j.christensen@shanj.org. **All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on September 9, 2022.**

Nominator:

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nominee:

Municipal Name: _____

Mayor:_____

Contact Person (if different than nominee above):_____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail:_____

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Municipal Award Questions

We request answers to the following questions be limited to 500 words or less. Answers should be as thorough and detailed as possible.

- Why should this municipality be the recipient of a Supportive Housing award?
- What successful efforts have been made over a period of time to create housing and services that include people with disabilities?
- How has the town effectively partnered with housing developers and service providers, families and consumers to create supportive housing opportunities?
- Has the town proactively contributed municipal housing trust funds to help leverage housing projects in the town?
- Has the town initiated any creative strategies to integrate people with disabilities into their community and how?
- Are there any individuals or groups who have been instrumental in helping the town/city accomplish goals of supportive housing?
- What are other factors and features that will help shed light on why this particular NJ town/city is worthy of a Supportive Housing Municipal Award?

Questions

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**

For more information about the Supportive Housing Association, please see the website: www.shanj.org