



25th Annual New Jersey Supportive Housing Conference



Friday, November 3, 2023, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Palace at Somerset Park, 333 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873

Housing Hero Award Nomination Form



Norm Smith | 2022 Housing Hero Award Winner

Supportive Housing Hero Award

Each day on the front lines support staff demonstrate heroic levels of creativity, dedication, compassion and hours of tireless work in order to keep people safe, healthy and housed. This year we recognize the hard work of the staff that provides direct support to Supportive Housing tenants in New Jersey. These are 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:

- Clinical staff
- Direct Support Professionals
- Administrators, Operations, or Property Managers
- Tenants or Volunteers
- Legislative Staff
- Municipalities, Public employees

Awards will be presented during the 25th Annual Conference held at The Palace in Somerset on November 3, 2023.



Guidelines for Nominations

What are the Annual Supportive Housing Awards?

The Supportive Housing Awards recognize successful initiatives honoring the leadership of outstanding individuals and organizations dedicated to increasing permanent supportive housing and service opportunities for special populations in New Jersey. The awards showcase models of excellence in design, innovation, operations, and management of housing that is accessible, and affordable while maximizing services for residents who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on the willingness to take risks and experiment with ground breaking approaches and strategies. Each award is a shining example of the unwavering commitment of the nominees to transform the lives of those with special needs and inspire others on the importance of supportive housing. 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 here in New Jersey.

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 or those facing barriers to housing including those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless empowering independent living in the communities of their choice. Supportive housing can include a variety of models including scattered site apartments, individual apartments, shared apartments, or home ownership, and can exist within integrated housing complexes mixing supportive and non-supported residents in a community. 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 August 25, 2023.

Award winners will be notified by September 11, 2023.

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 on the information received within each nomination entry packet, including supplementary materials. Any member of the SHA Awards Committee with a personal connection to a nominee shall refrain from review and discussion of that particular nomination.

Awards will be presented during the 25th Annual Conference held at The Palace in Somerset on November 3, 2023.



Submission Directions:

Please complete the information requested in this form answering the following questions thoroughly and supply all required details and including supplemental materials. If you require additional space for text, please submit a separate Word file. Upon completion, please save this form and email it along with all supplemental materials to SHA-conference@shanj.org with your agency name and type of nomination in the subject line. If you need assistance in completing the nomination or are having difficulty with the form, please contact Joseph Christensen at j.christensen@shanj.org.

All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on August 25, 2023.

Nominator

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee

Name: _____

Current Position/Title: _____

Municipal Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Housing Hero Award Considerations

To assist those thinking of nominating someone or group to honor, please consider the following points:

- What is the primary supportive housing population that Nominee works directly with regularly?
- What qualities does the Nominee possess that makes them and his/her work outstanding?
- Examples of how the nominee has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist supportive housing and/or those with special needs
- Describe how the Nominee promotes the philosophy of supportive housing
- Provide examples of how the Nominee serves supportive housing tenants and provides the highest quality services to them.

Additional Information - Optional

List any awards, achievements, press write-ups, legislation, or any pertinent information that illustrating exceptional actions of the nominee which you feel would further distinguish this nomination . Please email this additional information to SHA-conference@shanj.org.

Please describe in 500 words or less on the following page how the nominee’s achievements match the spirit of this award. **Please use the next page for your answer.**



Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

Housing Hero Award Nominee Description (about 500 words)