



**PHOENIXVILLE
COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION**

**CHAMPIONS OF THE COMMUNITY
AWARDS PROGRAM**

A RECOGNITION PROGRAM
FOR THE “UNSUNG HEROES” OF THE
GREATER PHOENIXVILLE AREA

NOMINATION PACKET





July 2008

To Members of the Phoenixville Area Community:

I am pleased to once again announce the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation's *CHAMPIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM* to recognize those that serve others in a way that contributes to the overall health of the community.

Some individuals are often overlooked because they are not widely known or associated with a well-established organization. The Phoenixville Community Health Foundation will honor the hard work, special achievements, and good deeds of these Phoenixville area "unsung heroes". The Foundation plans to give up to four *CHAMPIONS OF THE COMMUNITY* awards this year and will present these awards at a special luncheon. A grant of \$2,000 will be awarded in their name, to a qualified Phoenixville area charitable organization of their choice.

The focus of this program is to:

- Honor adults, and youth, at the grassroots level who voluntarily give their time, talent, and resources absent of any personal gain.
- Recognize adults, and youth, who provide leadership in their neighborhood or ethnic community.
- Honor adults, and youth, who support those less fortunate or those facing insurmountable circumstances.

To those of you who know neighbors, friends or associates who would be a worthy candidate, I encourage you to nominate them.

I, along with all the Board of Directors of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, look forward to having the pleasure of congratulating those that have made an exceptional contribution to the health and well-being of our community.

With best wishes,

Amy Barto
Chair
Phoenixville Community Health Foundation

CHAMPIONS OF THE COMMUNITY **AWARDS PROGRAM**

ELIGIBILITY

The Phoenixville area is known for its tradition of volunteerism, neighborly outlook, and commitment to community. Many people right in the heart of our community continue this tradition today. We are counting on you to help us identify them so that they may be properly recognized. The Foundation is searching for the people who set the example and who encourage and help others - they may be right next door. Anyone – adult or youth – who deserves to be recognized for their community service, can be nominated.

Simply fill out the enclosed nomination form and return it to:

Champion of the Community Awards Program
Lynn Pike Hartman, Senior Program Officer
Phoenixville Community Health Foundation
821 Gay Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
Phone: 610-917-9890 Fax: 610-917-9861

Nominations will be accepted until September 26, 2008

SELECTION

A Community Advisory Committee will review individual nominations for this award and select the awardees. Award winners will be notified and a recognition luncheon will be held to honor them. All nominees will be acknowledged and honored.

Additionally, each winner will be invited to direct a grant of \$2,000, in their name, to a Phoenixville area qualified charitable organization of their choice.

Up to four (4) people will be given “Champions of the Community” awards.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

Here are some criteria to consider as you prepare your written nomination. Nominees will be evaluated and selected by the Community Advisory Committee based on their achievement in **at least two** of the following categories:

1. Made a personal sacrifice to improve the lives of their neighbors.
2. Overcame a social, financial or physical setback to improve their lives.
3. Served as a mentor for youth or role model for others to follow who may be trying to overcome extenuating circumstances.
4. Provided spiritual and moral leadership in the community.
5. Utilized an innovative approach to solve a community problem.
6. Excelled academically and in extra-curricular activities at a time when odds were against them.
7. Solved a problem that preserved a healthy family environment for their immediate or extended family.
8. Made a positive change by taking control of their lives (i.e., a youth overcoming drug addiction or leaving a life of crime)
9. Length of community service.

REMEMBER: It is best to assume the Committee does not know your nominee – please help us to understand the impact of the person’s work.

Nominees must demonstrate good character and healthy life choices at the time of their nomination.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM
- ATTACH A HANDWRITTEN/TYPED NOMINATION NARRATIVE OF NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES
- SIGN YOUR NOMINATION NARRATIVE
- NOMINATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

**Phoenixville Community Health Foundation
CHAMPIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD PROGRAM
Nomination Form**

Nomination Criteria

1. Must reside in the greater Phoenixville area OR have made an impact on the greater Phoenixville area;
2. Nomination must relate to volunteer activities – **not** activities related to paid employment

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ WORK TELEPHONE _____

YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE _____

FOR STUDENT NOMINEE:

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

GRADE _____ PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

NOMINATED BY _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ WORK TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

NARRATIVE ATTACHMENT:

- ✓ No more than two typed pages
- ✓ Describe nominee's character, leadership, commitment
- ✓ Describe how nominee has made a positive impact on the health and well-being of his/her community or neighborhood
- ✓ Please be as specific as possible
- ✓ Years of volunteer / community service

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE FOUNDATION
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

Phoenixville Community Health Foundation

Geographical Service Area

Chester County

- Charlestown Township
- East Coventry Township
- East Nantmeal Township
- East Pikeland Township
- East Vincent Township
- North Coventry Township
- Phoenixville Borough
- Schuylkill Township
- Spring City Borough
- South Coventry Township
- West Pikeland Township
- West Vincent Township

Montgomery County

- Collegeville Borough
- Limerick Township
- Lower Pottsgrove Township
- Lower Providence Township
- Royersford Borough
- Trappe Borough
- Upper Providence Township