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PILLAR COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARDS

"The successful nonprofit institution will hold itself accountable for performance inside the organization – for effective marketing, exemplary management of human and financial resources, for contribution in all areas – but always with the central focus of its one bottom line: changed lives."

- Peter F. Drucker

Pillar Community Innovation Awards

The Community Innovation Awards highlight how the nonprofit sector's innovation, leadership, and collaboration improves the quality of life in London and surrounding area.

The Awards celebrate nonprofits and charities and the individuals, businesses and government sector organizations who work with them to make our community brighter.

Individuals, nonprofits and charities, businesses and government sector organizations are eligible for nomination.

Call for Nominations 2010

Share your stories. Inspire by example. Recognize deserving individuals and organizations.

Award Categories

- Community Innovation Award
- Community Leadership Award
- Community Impact Award
- Community Collaboration Award

Both finalists and award recipients are invited to attend the awards ceremony as guests of honour.

They will also receive:

- an engraved award.
- exposure through the Pillar Nonprofit Network newsletter, website and media materials.

In addition, award recipients will receive \$2500 to be directed to their registered charity of choice and their name engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Hudson's Bay Passageway of the Central Library.

If you know of an individual or organization in the London area that has demonstrated dedication, creative solutions and/or a collaborative spirit, consider nominating them for a Pillar Community Innovation Award.

About Pillar

Pillar Nonprofit Network connects close to 15,000 Londoners to nonprofit organizations annually. We exist to build capacity within this essential sector.

Pillar Nonprofit Network believes that our role in developing and supporting the nonprofit sector is instrumental in ensuring that London's nonprofits continue to be innovative and vital contributors to our community.

Share. Inspire. Recognize.

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THE AWARDS

Community Innovation Award

Who can be nominated?

Any London and area nonprofit, public or private organization or individual for work related to the nonprofit sector that demonstrates community innovation.

Award Description

Nominees for this award have recognized new and better ways to address a need in the community despite the many demands, and sometimes too few resources, faced by the nonprofit sector. Nominees that are nonprofit organizations have found creative and efficient solutions to further the mission of their organization and make a difference in the lives of the people it serves.

Describe how your nominee has demonstrated any or all of the criteria below:

- The nominee demonstrated creativity and ingenuity.
- The nominee set a new standard in their area of service.
- The nominee demonstrated the creative or innovative use of resources (e.g., partnerships, sponsorship, volunteers, etc.).
- This community innovation addressed or solved a challenge or issue in your sector.
- This community innovation improved the quality of life in the community.
- This community innovation encouraged diversity and inclusiveness in the community.
- Others can learn from this example of community innovation.

Community Leadership Award

Who can be nominated?

Any London and area nonprofit, public or private organization or individual for work related to the nonprofit sector that demonstrates community leadership.

Award Description

Nominees for this award have earned distinction as a result of their exceptional professional and/or volunteer achievements in the community. Their integrity, dedication, ingenuity and leadership have been recognized within their field of endeavour or in their notable contribution to society. These nominees embody the spirit of the community and, through their actions and accomplishments, are an inspiration to others within the community.

Describe how your nominee has demonstrated any or all of the criteria below:

- The nominee made a positive impact on the community.
- The nominee saw a need in the community and responded.
- The nominee's leadership had a demonstrated impact.
- The nominee demonstrated a commitment to the effort.
- The nominee faced and overcame adversity.
- The nominee demonstrated resilience and resourcefulness.
- The nominee encouraged diversity and inclusiveness in the community.
- Others can learn from this example of community leadership.



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Community Impact Award

Who can be nominated?

Any London and area nonprofit, public or private organization or individual for work related to the nonprofit sector that has demonstrated community impact.

Award Description

Nominees for this award have demonstrated “significant impact” that may be as broad and far-reaching as a change in public policy or as focused as an improved ability to communicate between several organizations. What is important is that the impact was significant to the broader community.

“Change or improvement” may be apparent through anecdotal evidence, such as happier volunteers and better client testimonials, or it may be more tangible evidence, such as ten times more media coverage or 50% more volunteers raised over \$50,000 last year. The important thing is that the change or improvement is apparent and measurable in some way and that it has had an appreciable impact on the broader community.

Describe how your nominee has demonstrated any or all of the criteria below:

- The nominee made a significant impact in the community.
- There is a demonstrated benefit to the community.
- The change or improvement is apparent and measurable.
- Others can learn from this example of community impact.
- The nominee encouraged diversity and inclusiveness in the community.

Community Collaboration Award

Who can be nominated?

Any London and area nonprofit, public or private organization or individual for work related to the nonprofit sector that has demonstrated community collaboration.

Award Description

Nominees for this award provide outstanding examples of collaboration with their communities. These nominees recognize the benefits that come from accessing expertise from local businesses or organizations - be it human, financial, or physical resources. Through the synergy that comes with community collaboration, the nominees have facilitated increased sustainability, efficiency, and innovation in the service they provide to their community.

Describe how your nominee has demonstrated any or all of the criteria below:

- At least one of the partners is a nonprofit organization.
- The community collaboration demonstrated creative, sustainable solutions that met a community need.
- The partnership demonstrated a strong collaborative spirit and equity among the partners with regard to effort and advantages.
- The partnership involved a wide spectrum of resources brought by all partners.
- There has been demonstrated impact on efficiency, success with funders, etc.
- The partnership encouraged diversity and inclusiveness in the community.
- The collaborative partnership demonstrated the objective of building a stronger, more diverse, healthier and more vibrant community.
- Others can learn from this example of community collaboration.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who is eligible?

- Any London and area nonprofit and charity, individual, business or government sector organization is eligible for nomination for their work as it relates to the nonprofit sector. Please see specific eligibility for each award.
- You can nominate an individual or organization for more than one award but a separate nomination package must be completed for each nomination as they are distinctly different and independent of each other.

What will the award recipients receive?

- A \$2500 gift to direct to the award recipient's registered charity of choice.
- An engraved award to keep.
- Name engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Hudson's Bay Passageway in the Central Library.
- Profile in the Pillar Nonprofit Network newsletter, website and media.
- An invitation to the awards ceremony as a guest of honour, as well as the opportunity to bring one guest.

Do finalists need to attend the Pillar Community Innovation Awards event?

Yes, all finalists must attend the event to be eligible.

What will the finalists receive?

- An engraved award to keep.
- Profile in the Pillar Nonprofit Network newsletter, website and media.
- An invitation to the awards ceremony as a guest of honour, as well as the opportunity to bring one guest.

Does the nominee need to know that they are being nominated?

Yes, all nominees need to consent to the conditions of the award and show their consent with their signature on the nomination form.

What are the limitations of nominations?

- No staff, board member or volunteer of Pillar Nonprofit Network or their immediate families are eligible to be nominated for an award as an individual.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted. (*Self nomination is when paid staff members nominate their executive director or a specific project, event, organization, or company which pays them as an employee.*)

How will the award recipients be selected?

- A Selection Committee made up of individuals representing London's diverse community, including those from the nonprofit, public and private sectors and funders will review the nominations. The Selection Committee will select the finalists and award recipients.
- Please note that the Selection Committee operates at arm's length from the staff and board members of Pillar Nonprofit Network.
- Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

How will the finalists and award recipients be notified?

Nominations close at 4 pm on June 30, 2010. The Selection Committee will determine the finalists in July. Finalists will be notified by telephone before August 15 and invited to attend the Pillar Community Innovation Awards. Finalists will be contacted in late August, early September to participate in a short finalist video to be shown the night of the awards.

Awards Gala

Thursday, November 4, 2010

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

London Convention Centre

Cocktail reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

PILLAR COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARDS 2010 NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2010

To submit your nomination please follow these 4 easy steps:

1. Choose the appropriate award category.
2. Complete the nomination package according to the guidelines listed below.
3. Have the nominee sign the original nomination form, indicating their consent and verification that the information submitted is accurate and complete.
4. Mail or deliver the nomination package (5 complete sets) so that it is received by 4 pm on Tuesday, June 30, 2010 to:
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(Second floor inside the Central Library)

- Note that faxed or emailed nominations will not be accepted.
- **Self nominations will not be accepted.** Self nomination is when paid staff members nominate their executive director or a specific project, event, organization, or company which pays them as an employee. All others, including board members and volunteers associated with the individual, specific project or event, organization or company, can nominate.

What to include in the nomination:

- The completed nomination form signed by both the nominator and the nominee.
- A written summary (not exceeding 500 words) of your nomination clearly describing how the nominee demonstrated the criteria outlined in the award category.
- Please be specific, comprehensive and detailed with the information to provide the Selection Committee with an accurate picture about why the individual or organization has been nominated for an award. (The text will be used at the awards event should the nomination be selected as a finalist and potential award recipient.)
- All nominations must be submitted in their entirety and must not exceed 10 single sided pages (or 5 double sided pages) in length including the nomination page, all reference and supporting materials. **Only the first 10 pages will be reviewed.**
- Relevant supporting materials could include: news clippings, reference letters, and letters of congratulations, annual reports and or any other item that supports the nomination.
- **Include five (5) complete copies of the entire nomination package.** All copies must be collated and on 8.5 x 11 paper (i.e., suitable for inclusion in a 3-ring binder). Pamphlets, news clippings, or photos must be reproduced onto 8.5 x 11 paper.

Please note that nomination forms, written summary and all supporting materials will NOT be returned.

What NOT to include in the nomination:

- Videos or CD's cannot be submitted.
- Listing of previous awards is not required nor will it affect the selection process.
- Do not use binders, duo tangs, or page protectors.
- Do not staple your 5 completed copies.

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The Pillar Community Innovation Award for which I/we are nominating this organization or individual is:

- Community Innovation Award
- Community Leadership Award
- Community Impact Award
- Community Collaboration Award

Nominator Information (Please complete in detail)

Organization/Individual Name

Relationship to the Nominee

Organization Contact

Email Address

Street Address

City Postal Code.....

Telephone.....

Nominee Information (Please complete in detail)

Organization/Individual Name

Relationship to the Nominator.....

Contact Name

Email Address

Street Address

City Postal Code.....

Telephone.....

.....
 Signature of Nominator
 (If an organization, its representative)

.....
 Signature of Nominee
 (If an organization, its representative)