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# PILLAR COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARDS PROGRAM **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

# **Pillar Community Innovation Awards**

The Pillar Community Innovation Awards highlight how the nonprofit sector's Innovation, Leadership, Impact and Collaboration improve the quality of life in London.

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

## **Call for Nominations**

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

# Who is eligible?

Any London and area nonprofit, charity, individual, business or government sector organization whose work relates to the nonprofit sector and reaches into the London community is eligible for nomination.

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

# **Award Categories**

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

Award recipients will receive \$2000 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.

# **Awards Celebration**

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm London Convention Centre

Cocktail reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, followed by awards celebration

Deadline for nominations is 4 pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2017

# To submit your nomination, please follow these 4 easy steps:

- 1. Choose the appropriate award category for your nomination.
- 2. Complete the nomination package according to the guidelines.
- 3. Have the nominee sign the nomination package or forward and email indicating their consent and verification that the information submitted is accurate and complete. Subject line: PCIA Consent
- 4. Email the completed nomination form to events@pillarnonprofit.ca subject line: PCIA Nomination

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#### **AWARD CATEGORIES & DESCRIPTIONS**

#### COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARD

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 have found innovative, creative and efficient solutions to make a difference in the lives of others. Their innovative efforts support the nonprofit sector and/ or further the mission of a nonprofit or charitable organization,

#### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Nominees for this award stand out because of their exceptional professional and/or volunteer achievements in the community, which are above and beyond their role in a paid position. Their integrity, dedication, ingenuity and leadership are undeniable throughout their notable contribution to the nonprofit sector. These nominees embody the spirit of the community and, through their actions and accomplishments, are an inspiration to others.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD**

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. Their efforts have had a positive and meaningful impact on the broader community, resulting in clear and measurable change. The nomination should use measures (that could include short-term and longterm outcomes) that make the change or improvement apparent and that demonstrate impact, which goes beyond meeting an immediate and identified need. The nominee's impact extends to provide other opportunities that impact the lives of individuals, meet additional needs and build a sense of community.

## **COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AWARD**

Nominees for this award provide outstanding examples of collaboration with their communities. These nominees recognize the benefits that come from accessing the expertise of individuals, local businesses, government, nonprofits or charities - 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. One collaborative partner must be from the nonprofit sector.

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#### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

# Who is eligible?

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#### What are the limitations of nominations?

- Self-nominations & posthumous nominations will not be accepted.
- Only one nomination package per nominee will be accepted.
- Past award recipients are not eligible for resubmission within a 3-year period.
- Platinum and Gold level sponsors of the Pillar Community Innovation Awards may not be nominated or submit a nomination.
- No staff or board member of Pillar Nonprofit Network or their immediate families are eligible to be nominated or submit a nomination.
- No Pillar Community Innovation Awards Committee volunteer may be nominated or submit a nomination.

# What defines self-nominations and/or posthumous nominations?

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.

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

**Yes**, all nominees need to consent to the conditions of the award program and show their consent by signing the nomination form or emailing consent to events@pillarnonprofit.ca

# How will the finalists and 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 will review the nominations. The Selection Committee will select the finalists and award recipients. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final. Please note that the Selection Committee operates at arm's length from the staff and board members of Pillar.

# What happens if you are selected as a finalist?

- Finalists will be required to participate in a short video that will be shown the night of the awards.
- Invitation to a Finalist announcement and media launch in September
- Invitation to attend the awards celebration and VIP reception on November 23, 2016

#### What will the award recipients receive?

- A \$2000 gift to direct to the award recipient's registered charity of choice.
- An engraved award.
- Name engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Hudson's Bay Passageway in the Central Library.

For additional questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Nicole St. John at <a href="mailto:events@pillarnonprofit.ca">events@pillarnonprofit.ca</a> or call 519-433-7876 x211. Pillar Nonprofit Network Registered Charitable Number: 86341 9933 RR0001

