

Vanderburgh Community Foundation

2010 Spirit of Giving Awards

Deadline for Nominations: August 13, 2010

Vision:

A community in which becoming a philanthropist and volunteer is as valued and desirable a goal as success in athletics, business, entertainment, or any other field.

Mission:

The Vanderburgh Community Foundation will annually recognize and acknowledge those who dedicate their lives and resources to helping others. The Vanderburgh Community Foundation "Spirit of Giving" Awards will honor individuals, organizations and/or groups that make a significant impact on the community by giving of their time and/or resources, and by inspiring and encouraging others to give back to the community. Our goal is to educate the community about the importance of philanthropy, honor those that give, and ensure that the tradition of philanthropy is continued by future generations.

Award Criteria:

Community Impact Award

This award honors an organization or group who has demonstrated commitment and success through a specific initiative or project that is making a difference in the quality of life in our community. Specifically, this award will be given to an organization or group which has had as its emphasis serving or impacting populations in the neighborhoods near downtown Evansville.

The selection will be based on the following:

1. Evidence of the impact that the initiative or project of the organization or group has had upon the quality of life for those in our community. Philanthropic projects or initiatives which have had a particularly significant impact upon improving the quality of life for residents of a neighborhood or neighborhoods in the areas in and/or around downtown Evansville will be given priority consideration.
2. Evidence of success in recruiting and motivating volunteers and donors to support the specific initiative and/or project.
3. Significance to the community at large of the impact of the specific initiative and/or project.

"Roll Up Your Sleeves" Award

This award recognizes a servant leader who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving others through significant volunteer activities for several non-profit organizations which advance the quality of life for residents of Vanderburgh County. Specifically, this award will recognize a person who provides services in a volunteer capacity directly to those individuals who are the focus of the organization's mission.

The selection will be based on the following:

1. Significant volunteer activities for more than one local non-profit agency which demonstrates that individual's willingness to roll up their sleeves and contribute directly to the provision of services to the specific population or individuals whom the agencies serve. This individual volunteers without expectation of recognition and provides selfless work behind the scenes.
2. Impact on the quality of life for residents of Vanderburgh County due to the volunteer activities of the individual.
3. Encouragement and motivation of others to volunteer to support programs and local non-profit agencies in Vanderburgh County.

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Nomination Form

Note: Vanderburgh Community Foundation board members are ineligible to receive an award. For a list of board members, please visit www.vcfoundation.org. The board list is under "Who We Are" on the left side menu.

Instructions:

Please use this form to submit a nomination for one of the 2010 Spirit of Giving Awards. A separate form must be completed for each nominee. Please indicate for which category you are making this nomination:

Community Impact Award

"Roll Up Your Sleeves" Award

Your Information:

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
(or primary contact for Community Impact Award)

Name of Project(s)/ Organization(s) (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Nomination Criteria:

Please refer to the selection criteria on the first page of this document. There are three criteria for each of the awards to be given. On a separate sheet, please provide two or three brief paragraphs explaining how this individual meets each of the criteria, with an emphasis on the impact the person has had on our community.

Return completed form to:

Vanderburgh Community Foundation
123 NW Fourth Street, Ste 220
Evansville, Indiana 47708

For questions, call 422-1245 or email barb@vcfoundation.org.