



2018 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

Twenty-Two Years of People Working
Together to Build Better Communities

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award recognizes outstanding nonprofit organizations in the United States that have shown exemplary leadership by facilitating partnerships with public, private or social sector leaders and working together with them as equal partners, not as donors and recipients, to build a cohesive community that serves as a model for collaborating with others for the greater good.

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THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award annually honors the outstanding contributions that nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, make to society.

Each year, the Mutual of America Foundation sponsors a national competition in which hundreds of organizations demonstrate the value of their partnership to the communities they serve, their ability to be replicated by others and their capacity to stimulate new approaches to addressing significant social issues.

From this group, an independent committee selects 10 organizations for a Community Partnership Award. The national award-winning partnership receives \$50,000 and a documentary video of their partnership. The video serves as a valuable tool in the partnership's efforts to expand public awareness of their crucial work and help them attract additional partners and new sponsors.

Videos of each of the past national award-winning programs can be viewed at the official YouTube channel for the Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award.

Since its inception in 1996, the Community Partnership Award has recognized 220 partnerships from cities and towns all across America.



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Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2018. Applications that fail to meet the criteria will not be considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award, an organization must complete an application and provide a typewritten statement, not to exceed three pages in length, that addresses the following criteria:

- a description of the partnership and the role of each partner;
- an explanation of how the partnership was started;
- the duration of the partnership to date (a minimum of one year);
- a demonstration that the partnership has made a difference;
- the ability of the partnership to replicate and stimulate new ideas in addressing social issues; and
- the partnership's commitment to advancing the mission and principles of the applicant organization.

In addition, the organization should include a copy of its most recent annual report; audited financial statements; a comprehensive list of the individuals comprising the governing body of the organization (board of directors or trustees and principal officers); and the name, telephone number and email address of the person at the organization to contact concerning the application.



2017 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

National Award-Winning Program

Governor Hugh L. Carey Award Recipient

Evans High School • A Community Partnership School

Children's Home Society of Florida
Orlando, FL

Honorable Mention Award Recipients

Circle the City Medical Respite Center

Circle the City
Phoenix, AZ

Power of Fathers

Children's Home + Aid
Chicago, IL

Merit Finalist Award Recipients

Go-Team Police Partnership

Family Service of Rhode Island
Providence, RI

Neurodiversity in the Workplace

SpArc Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

Opioid Overdose Recovery Program

Eva's Village
Paterson, NJ

Rosie's Place Community Collaborative

Rosie's Place
Boston, MA

Single-Family Home Ownership Program

Urban League of Greater Madison
Madison, WI

Soft Skills Certification Initiative

Junior Achievement of West Kentucky
Owensboro, KY

Teamster Union Apprenticeship Career Pathway

Civicorps
Oakland, CA



2017 NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM
GOVERNOR HUGH L. CAREY AWARD RECIPIENT

EVANS HIGH SCHOOL • A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Young people come to school with more than sneakers and a backpack. Many students across America, especially those living in poverty, also carry the burden of hunger; inadequate medical and dental care; exposure to gang activity; or physical, emotional or sexual abuse. These challenges often undercut a student's ability to thrive and succeed in the classroom and beyond.

In 2012, Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) created, in partnership with Orange County Public Schools, the University of Central Florida and Orange Blossom Family Health, Evans High School • A Community Partnership School to build a bridge to success for students and residents of Pine Hills. Gripped by a vicious cycle of crime and violence, Pine Hills is an under-resourced neighborhood on the western side of Orlando.

The School uses a transformative "no-wrong-door" delivery model to provide a range of social services, including on-site medical and dental services, mental-health and counseling programs, after-school enrichment and mentoring, and transportation and meals, aimed at raising the academic ground floor and empowering students to succeed. Today, the School has 15 agencies working collaboratively to strengthen the community by creating opportunities for students and their families to reach their full potential.

"Often, the needs of students and community are greater than a school's capacity to meet those needs," said Michael Shaver, President and CEO of CHS. "Our community impact model enables us to collaborate with school staff to ensure the nearly 2,600 students at Evans High School are receiving the academic, social-emotional and developmental services they need to reach their fullest potential.

"Since 2012, graduation rates have increased from 64% to 80%, math and reading proficiency rates have risen, and disciplinary referrals have fallen by half. We've successfully replicated our model in five additional communities throughout Florida, and we hope our success will inspire other under-resourced neighborhoods to use our model to build stronger, more resilient communities across the country."

ORGANIZATION

Children's Home
Society of Florida

PROGRAM

Evans High
School • A
Community
Partnership School

PARTNERS

University of Central
Florida

Orange County
Public Schools

Orange Blossom
Family Health

Additional social
services agencies



2017 HONORABLE MENTION AWARD RECIPIENT

CIRCLE THE CITY MEDICAL RESPITE CENTER

Imagine you're in the hospital. You received care and your doctors say you can go home. But what if you don't have a home to go home to? For many of our country's homeless, discharge from a hospital means a ride to a shelter or a return to the streets – a prospect that is both dangerous for patients and ultimately costly to the health care system.

In Phoenix, Arizona, Circle the City Medical Respite Center is changing the lives of the city's most vulnerable residents by providing holistic, integrated health care and on-site supportive services for homeless men and women who either have been discharged from hospitals or who have been living on the streets with acute conditions. By offering a safe place to rest and recover, these individuals can achieve a more complete recovery and avoid the complications of chronic illness and injury that often send them back to the emergency room.

The Medical Respite Center is part of Circle the City, a nondenominational, homeless-focused health care organization founded by Sister Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ, MD, in 2008, after decades of work as a physician caring for the underserved. In 2011, Sister Adele forged a partnership with Hospice of the Valley to create Circle the City Medical Respite Center, a one-of-a-kind refuge for homeless people who are sick or injured with nowhere else to go. Prior to opening, Phoenix was the largest city in the country without a homeless-focused medical respite center.

"Each year, hundreds of people experiencing homelessness in our community have the opportunity to heal at Circle the City's Medical Respite Center, where they receive health care, nursing support and even end-of-life care when needed," said Brandon Clark, CEO of Circle the City.

"Concurrently, each patient is also offered intensive social services to help them access food; health insurance; and, perhaps more importantly, housing before they are discharged. In fact, 78% of the people we've served since the Center's inception have exited to living situations other than the street or an emergency shelter."

ORGANIZATION

Circle the City

PROGRAM

Circle the City
Medical Respite
Center

PARTNER

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2017 HONORABLE MENTION AWARD RECIPIENT

POWER OF FATHERS

More than 20 million children in America under the age of 18 live in a home without the physical presence of a father. Many are children of color, according to a 2017 report from the U.S. Census Bureau. Yet, studies show that involved fathers – especially biological ones – have an enormous impact on the emotional, developmental, social and intellectual growth of their children.

Power of Fathers was created in 2015 when Chicago, Illinois-based Children’s Home + Aid formed a unique collaboration with three community-based agencies – Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities; Family Focus; and Metropolitan Family Services – to improve outcomes for young children by bettering the life circumstances of their fathers. Leveraging the strengths of each organization, Power of Fathers provides coordinated education, employment, health and legal services and support to help fathers in the historically underserved Chicago communities of Greater Englewood and North Lawndale address life issues, become financially self-sufficient, boost their parenting skills and improve their connection with their children.

Power of Fathers is uniquely multifaceted in its approach. The program uses a broad range of innovative strategies that are designed to (1) individually impact outcomes for fathers and their children; (2) organizationally impact how social services agencies increase their father engagement practices and policies; and (3) systematically impact state and local policies, systems and programs so that they more effectively contribute to well-being, safety and permanency outcomes for fathers, children and families.

“Many fathers face obstacles, such as unemployment, lack of co-parenting skills and their own negative childhood experiences, that prevent them from engaging positively with their children,” said Ed Davies, Project Director at Children’s Home + Aid. “Power of Fathers is helping to rewrite that story for 100 fathers and their families each year. Along with our early education programs, which annually impact the lives of 2,300 children and 5,000 parents, our collaboration gives us the capacity to increase our reach to more than 100,000 children, fathers and mothers each year by providing a model for replication across Illinois and the nation.”

ORGANIZATION

Children’s Home
+ Aid

PROGRAM

Power of Fathers

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