



The Rotman Award for Paediatric Home Care Innovation

Deadline: June 1, 2010

Overview

The Rotman Award for Paediatric Home Care Innovation has been created to recognize successful and innovative home and community health care programs serving children, youth and families in Canada. The purpose of the Rotman Award is threefold:

- 1) To acknowledge and reward paediatric home and community care organizations which are innovative and demonstrate best practices
- 2) To identify and promote examples of best practice program or organizational models from which other organizations can learn
- 3) To encourage further innovation in the winning organization by awarding a monetary prize

Across Canada, health care formerly provided in institutions is increasingly provided where children live. This shift in the site of care is due to the combined effects of medical, pharmaceutical and technological advances within an environment of health care restructuring. Access to home care is not guaranteed through the Canada Health Act, and yet a diversity of provincial and territorial mechanisms for delivering home care to children, youth and their families have been developed across the country. There is a need for different systems and delivery agencies to learn from one another, and to capture and reproduce best practices.

This award for innovation and best practices is made possible by a generous gift from Janis Rotman. The Rotman Award is offered through the Children and Youth Home Care Network (CYHN), a network of more than 450 individuals interested in home and community care for children and their families, sponsored by SickKids Foundation.

Guidelines for Awards

Each year \$100,000 will be available to be awarded to **any Canadian non-profit organization** that delivers home and community health care services to infants, children, youth (0-18 years old) and their families. This eligibility requirement includes, but is not restricted to, non-profit organizations which receive their funding exclusively through government sources. The organization may be located anywhere in Canada. Networked organizations or partnership

arrangements are also eligible for the award if sponsored by an eligible registered Canadian charity.

Award winning organizations must have made a positive difference in the lives of children, youth and families and the winning program must demonstrate best practices and innovation (see below for the selection criteria).

In the context of this award we are using the definition set out by the Children and Youth Home Care Network which defines home and community care as care provided to children and youth who have a short or long term illness and/or disability, and their families, in their homes or other community settings where they grow and develop. Community based settings include: group homes, schools and day cares as well as the homes of natural, foster, and other forms of volunteer families. Examples of home and community care providers include: nurses, personal support workers, dieticians, physicians, psychologists, physio/occupational/ speech therapists; and examples of types of services include: habilitation or rehabilitation services, mental health services, palliative care, school health support, respite care, and nutritional services.

Nomination Process

Organizations may self-nominate or may be nominated by a third party. The nomination form must be completed in full and must be accompanied by three letters endorsing the nomination from individuals outside of the organization who have worked closely with the nominated organization or have received the benefits of the program.

Organizations may be nominated several years in a row and organizations which have won the Rotman Award in the past are not disqualified from winning again in the future for a different initiative.

Only one award will be made each year. If no suitable nomination is received in a given year, the *Rotman Award for Paediatric Home Care Innovation* will not be made.

**Deadline for nominations:
5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time June 1, 2010**

Evaluation and Award Process

Rotman Award nominations will be reviewed by a committee of 6-8 experts from across Canada. The committee will treat all nominations as confidential. From these nominations, a short list will be developed. Nominated agencies on the short list may be interviewed by representatives from the panel of experts.

The following criteria will be used in selecting the award winners:

- The program/organization delivers some form of home/community health care services to children and/or youth (see the above definition for home/community care)
- The program/organization has demonstrated that it has made a positive difference in the lives of children, youth and families

- There are measurable and specific outcomes from the program
- While recognizing that it is rare for programs/organizations to have undergone a thorough and formal evaluation, some form of evaluation of the program/organization has been completed and the results of that evaluation have been positive
- The program/organization has bridged gaps in policies and/or services that existed before
- The program/organizational model can be replicated in other jurisdictions or settings

Award winning organizations will be expected to collaborate in disseminating information about their program. The winning organization must also agree that its representatives will make themselves available for an award ceremony, interviews and presentations on the initiative for which the award was made.

It is expected that organizations will use the \$100,000 award to for one or more of the following activities:

- to further program development
- to support technological development
- to carry out program evaluation
- to support staff training and development
- to disseminate information about their program to peer organizations

A month after the organization has been notified that it has won the award, an outline of how it intends to use the award must be submitted to the Foundation. Six months after the Rotman Award is made, the winning organization will be asked to give a short report on the use of the funds to date. A year after the Award is made, the winning organization will be asked to provide a written report on how the award was used and in what ways it made a difference to the recipients of care and the organization. SickKids Foundation will also follow up with the organization two to three years after the Award was made to assess the longer term impact of the prize.

For more information about the Rotman Award, please contact:

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Please do not contact any members of the Rotman family or any businesses associated with the family regarding this award.

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Nomination Form

Nominee and Nominator Information:

Formant: 12-point font size must be used and the text of the proposal may be single-spaced. Please number all the pages.

1. Name of Organization or Network of Organizations:
2. Address:
3. Phone and fax number:
4. E-mail address and Web Site address:
5. Contact Person and Title:
6. Number of clients served in the most recent year:
7. Name of Program being nominated for the award:
8. Name of Nominator:
9. Contact information for Nominator:
10. Relationship of Nominator to nominated organization/program/network:

Program information (please limit your answers to the next three questions combined to 3 pages)

11. Provide a complete description of the service(s) provided by the program, including:
 - program objectives
 - a description of the paediatric population served by the program – age, characteristics, challenges for which they are receiving services, community in which they live
 - the services provided by the program
 - a brief history of the program and why it was developed
 - how the program has made a positive difference in the lives of children, youth and families
12. What challenges have been/are being encountered for this program?

13. Are there similar programs to this in Canada or the United States? If you know of any, please list them.

Innovation/Best Practices (please limit your answers to the next seven questions combined to five pages):

14. Why is this program an example of best practice? How is it innovative/ different/ novel in its approach?

15. In what ways has the program bridged gaps in policies and/or services that existed before?

16. Does the program have measurable and specific outcomes? Has it been evaluated? If so, please share the evaluation outcomes with us.

17. What is the program's potential for expansion? Is the program relevant to other populations?

18. Does the program – or key learning from the program -- have the potential to be replicated in other settings, by other organizations?

19. How could the Rotman Award be used to expand, replicate, or promote this work? Please describe objectives, activities, expected outcomes and impact of the work you are planning to do.

20. If you plan to expand the program, how will you sustain the expansion in future years? Please provide evidence of future support for the program expansion from your organization.

Financial Information:

22. What is the cost of running the particular program being nominated?

22. What is the source of that program's funds?

24. Please append an Audited statement (revenue, expenses, program spending, non-program spending) for the organization being nominated.

Nomination letters:

In addition to completing the above nomination form, nominators must submit three letters from individuals outside of the organization who have worked closely with the nominated program or have received the benefits of the program, endorsing the nomination.

Signatures:

By signing the below, I certify that the information submitted in this nomination is true and that I understand I may be approached for further information on this nomination.

Name, Title, and Signature of Nominator:

E-mail a copy of your application to national.grants@sickkidsfoundation.com by 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, June 1, 2010 and please mail six (6) copies of your full application, including copies of the recommendation/reference letters to the address below. Packages must be postmarked no later than 5:00 pm EST June 1, 2010.

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