



HUMANITARIAN AWARDS PROGRAM Volunteer Humanitarian Award Nomination Form 2012

Purpose:

The Volunteer Humanitarian Award was developed in 2001, the International Year of the Volunteer to recognize the essential role that volunteers play at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). The award honours a volunteer or team of volunteers at SickKids who assist patients and families and staff at the hospital either directly or indirectly.

Eligibility:

Eligible volunteers for the 2012 award must have volunteered at the Hospital during the previous year ending December 31, 2011. This award honours SickKids volunteers from Volunteer Resources and the Women's Auxiliary whose primary purpose is to support SickKids and volunteer within the hospital. Eligible volunteers would be registered through Volunteer Resources or the Women's Auxiliary. Please note that individuals or teams are not eligible to self nominate.

The Award:

One award may be presented each year. The recipient or team of recipients will receive an award certificate and be honoured at the Humanitarian Awards Program Ceremony in June 2012.

Criteria:

The Volunteer Humanitarian Award honours a volunteer or team of volunteers at SickKids who provides assistance to patients and families at SickKids and who has consistently demonstrated the qualities of compassion and humanitarianism. If a team is nominated, the nominator must know every individual on that team, and the individuals involved must function as a team on a regular basis.

Nomination Process:

1. Complete the nomination form. Each nomination package must have two nominators. The two required nominators may be: staff members, patient family members or SickKids volunteers and can be any combination of the above. For example the two nominators can be a combination of two patient family members; one staff member and one volunteer; one patient family member and one volunteer, etc. The nominators must fill in the questionnaire provided below.

2. Attach letters of support. Along with the completed questionnaire from the nominators, please attach **up to four (4)** additional letters of support. These letters of support can come from patient families, members of SickKids staff or SickKids volunteers. The letters (maximum 3 pages) should support the nomination and outline how the person or team being nominated demonstrates the expected qualities in the provision of care, *in an exceptional manner*, with everyone with whom they have contact. In the case of a team nomination, the nominators must demonstrate that the team functioned as a team in a humanitarian and compassionate manner. Candidates about whom the Selection Committee has little information will be disadvantaged. The support letters can come in the form of email.

The closing date for the 2012 nomination is: ***January 31, 2012.***

3. Please submit electronic applications to: national.grants@sickkidsfoundation.com

Or by paper to: National Grants
SickKids Foundation
525 University Avenue, 14th floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2L3

If you have any questions or require assistance in preparing the nomination feel free to contact Pam Gilliland at 416-813-6166 x2354 or via email at national.grants@sickkidsfoundation.com.

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This form should be replicated/copied on computer by the nominator. The numbering and heading system shown herein should be followed:

Name of Person/Team Being Nominated:

Program/Department/Division:

Mailing Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone No:

Email:

Nominated by:

1. Name:

SickKids Staff Member Patient Family Member Peer Volunteer

Program/Department/Division:

Mailing Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone No:

Email:

2. Name:

SickKids Staff Member Patient Family Member Peer Volunteer

Program/Department/Division:

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Please answer the following questions using as many examples as possible. Candidates about whom the Selection Committee has little information will be disadvantaged. Volunteers or teams of volunteers will have demonstrated some or all of the values listed in the questions below. The nomination must provide clear examples of how the individual or team has consistently demonstrated these qualities in an exceptional manner.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the Nominee?

2. How has the Nominee provided exceptional support and attention to families? (These values include the ability to engender a caring, supportive and welcoming environment for families, as well as understanding, respect and support the pivotal role parents play in the lives of their children and support both as appropriate.)

3. How does the Nominee make the hospital experience easier for patients and their families? (These values include the ability to communicate in a supportive manner with patients and families; present a caring attitude; appreciate the emotional impact of illness and hospitalization on the child and family.)

4. What differentiates this individual or team apart from other SickKids volunteers?

5. Demonstrate how the Nominee partners with staff to support patients and families.

6. Why should the individual or team you are nominating receive a Volunteer Humanitarian Award?