

## MACMH's 2008 Outstanding Service Award Nominations:

### Physician and Educator

Each year MACMH recognizes two individuals who have had a significant, positive influence on behalf of children with mental health needs. This year the MACMH Board of Directors would like to recognize a physician and an educator who have shown extraordinary achievement and/or leadership in the field of children's mental health. The winners will be announced at a MACMH event in the fall in St. Paul, MN. *Nominations are due by September 10, 2008.*

#### *How You Can Nominate a Physician or Educator*

Write a statement of support—based on the award criteria below—telling us why you are nominating a physician or educator. There is no page limit but please be concise.

#### *Award Criteria*

The **Physician Award** will recognize an outstanding physician who has demonstrated leadership and/or achievement impacting the field of Children's Mental Health. A letter of support nominating a physician for this award may include information about their efforts in any or all of the following areas:

- Effectively educating, training, motivating, and/or mentoring their peers in the health community
- Engaging in efforts that raise awareness about children's mental health
- Positively advocating on behalf of children who have mental health needs
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of collaborating with those involved in the life of a child with mental health needs
- Promoting and/or engaging in research that addresses children's mental health

The **Educator Award** will recognize exceptional leadership and achievement in the field of children's mental health by an individual in the education field, including advocacy, direct service, and service innovation. A letter of support nominating an educator for this award may include information about their efforts in any or all of the following areas:

- Dedication to helping children with mental health disorders succeed academically and socially
- Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning around mental health issues
- Extraordinary skill in building positive, productive relationships with students, parents, and administrators
- Engaging in efforts to educate, train and mentor peers regarding children's mental health

#### *How to Submit Your Nomination*

To submit your nomination, print off the "Statement of Support" (it immediately follows this page) and respond to all of the questions, then mail your "Statement of Support" to MACMH at 165 Western Avenue N, Suite 2, St. Paul, MN 55102 or fax it to 651-644-7391. You are also welcome to e-mail your nomination to [info@macmh.org](mailto:info@macmh.org) -- be sure to put "Award Nomination" in the subject line.

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