MACMH’s 2010 Outstanding Service Award Nominations

Each year MACMH recognizes individuals who have had a significant, positive influence on behalf of children with mental health needs. This year MACMH will select four individuals from any one of the categories below. The Outstanding Service Award is open to Educators, Social Workers, Physicians, Juvenile Justice Professionals, Administrators, Parents, Youth or other Public Servants who have shown extraordinary achievement and/or leadership in the field of children’s mental health. The winners will be celebrated at MACMH’s Fine Art Fundraising event to be held February 11th at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, MN.

How You Can Nominate an Individual for the Outstanding Service Award:
Write a statement of support—based on the award criteria below—telling us why you are nominating this person. There is no page limit but please be concise. Candidates do not need to meet all the listed criteria. You may add information about a candidate that is not listed in the criteria.

Award Criteria:
The Outstanding Service Award will recognize exceptional leadership and achievement in the field of children’s mental health. A letter of support nominating an educator for this award may include information about their efforts in any or all of the following areas:

For Educators
- Demonstrating dedication to helping children with mental health disorders succeed academically and socially
- Demonstrating exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning around mental health issues
- Building positive, productive relationships with students, parents, and administrators
- Engaging in efforts to educate, train and mentor peers regarding children’s mental health

For Youth, (the Award will recognize an outstanding high school or college-aged youth)
- Volunteering to raise awareness about children’s mental health
- Advocating on behalf of a child(ren) affected by mental health issues
- Displaying courageous effort in overcoming and/or managing a mental health disorder
- Educating, training, motivating, and/or mentoring their peers to serve the children’s mental health community

For Juvenile Justice Professionals
- Educating, training, motivating, and/or mentoring their peers in the juvenile justice community
- Promoting service integration for youth with mental health issues
- Positively impacting the criminal justice system’s response to juveniles with mental health disorders
- Engaging in research that promotes change in the juvenile justice system
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of working with juveniles in the corrections system
- Engaging in efforts that raise awareness about mental health issues in the juvenile corrections population

For Physicians
- Educating, training, motivating, and/or mentoring their peers in the health community
- Engaging in efforts that raise awareness about children’s mental health
- Advocating on behalf of children with mental health needs
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of collaborating with those involved in the life of a child with mental health issues
- Engaging in research to address mental health issues as they apply to children
For Mental Health Professionals and Social Workers

- Engaging in efforts that raise awareness about children’s mental health
- Demonstrating compassion for children, youth, and their families in their work
- Advocating on behalf of children with mental health needs
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of collaborating with those involved in the life of a child with mental health issues
- Engaging in research to address mental health issues as they apply to children
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of collaborating with those involved in the life of a child with mental health issues

For Parents/Family Members

- Demonstrating commitment, and dedication to creating a better life for all children with or at risk of having mental health disorders
- Engaging in system change efforts at the local, state, or national level on behalf of children with mental health needs and their families
- Demonstrating successful, collaborative efforts advocating for their child or family within the mental health and educational systems

Other/Public Servants

- Contributing to the body of knowledge of children’s mental health
- Demonstrating compassion for children, youth, and their families in their work
- Promoting collaboration and service integration for youth with mental health issues
- Engaging in efforts that raise awareness about children’s mental health
- Advocating on behalf of children with mental health needs
- Developing and/or implementing innovative, successful methods of collaborating with those involved in the life of a child with mental health issues
- Providing a lasting contribution to the children’s mental health field

How to Submit Your Nomination

Please complete the one page nomination form and send the form, along with your statement of support, your name and address as well as the name and address of the person you are nominating to MACMH at 165 Western Avenue N, Suite 2, St. Paul, MN 55102 or fax 651-644-7391. You are also welcome to e-mail your nomination to info@macmh.org—be sure to put “Award Nomination” in the subject line. New this year – Submit Nominations Online at macmh.org. Nominations are due by December 29, 2010.
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Nominee’s Name: __________________________ Phone Number: ____________________

Name of School/Agency: _______________________________________________________

Nominee’s Address: ___________________________________________________________

Statement of Support: Please use and additional sheets of paper if more space is needed

Submitted by:

Your Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________