



OHAF Child Health Advocate of the Year Award

We need your help in identifying an employee of an area nonprofit agency who has been an outstanding advocate for local children's critical health issues. This individual must be a full or part time employee or independent contractor for a 501(c)(3) organization in our service area. In addition to the award/personal recognition, an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$5,000 will be presented in the winner's honor to their employer recognizing their commitment to children's critical health needs.

Since 1996, the Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation, or OHAF, has been providing grants to nonprofit organizations who work to meet critical medical, dental, and mental health-related needs in southwest Missouri. The Community Focus reports consistently find that such needs are most critical for our area children, and OHAF continues to make a concerted effort to support those agencies who work to address them. This award is a way for OHAF to honor the individual. After all, our agencies are comprised of individuals who, day after day, dedicate themselves to creating a better community for all of us.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the OHAF Child Health Advocate of the Year Award winner will be recognized at the annual AFP Philanthropy Day awards luncheon at Highland Springs Country Club.

Deadline for nominations will be announced in August.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. Nomination forms must be **received** by 5 pm on the day they are due. Please send in your nominations on time – **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
2. Enumerate each criterion and address each one separately. Entries will be judged on each of the criteria. Narrative should contain complete, clear, concise answers to criteria.
3. Supporting documents are accepted, but should not be used in place of the narrative or other answers. When including supporting documents, the narrative should discuss the documents. Do not introduce new information in the supporting documents. No videos or electronic attachments will be accepted.
4. Nominations may be made by completing the following nomination form and mailing, faxing or emailing to:

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5. Please contact Marla Witthar at (417)889-2550 with any questions.

Eligibility:

Nominees must be a full or part time employee or independent contractor working for a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization within the OHAF service area.

Election Process:

The Selection Committee will make a final selection from among the nominees. Completeness of information is essential for consideration. A member of the committee may contact you for additional information. A winner will be awarded having met OHAF's selection criteria and high standards of achievement. If, in the judgment of the committee, no nominees meet the criteria, an award may not be given.

Presentation of Awards:

The honoree selected will receive their award at the 2012 AFP National Philanthropy Day awards luncheon at Highland Springs Country Club. The honoree will be notified of their selection by late September and must be present at the luncheon to receive the award.

Nomination of Deceased Individuals:

Deceased individuals must have been alive on September 1st of the year in which they are nominated, to be eligible for nomination for that year's OHAF Child Advocate of the Year Award.



OHAF Child Health Advocate of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____

Nonprofit Organization: _____

Position: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nominated By: _____

Business, Organization or Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Complete the following on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Nominee's job role/responsibility and why you think this individual should be awarded the OHAF Child Health Advocate of the Year Award. Include duration and type of service to organization(s)/501(c)(3) and how the nominee provided outstanding advocacy for critical health needs (physical, mental or social) of children, youth or families. (65 points)
2. Provide a case example of how the nominee's work has had a significant impact on the life of a child or children. (20 points)
3. Explain how the nominee has shown evidence of encouragement, innovation, collaboration and inspiration to others. (15 points)