

Community Connectedness Award

Purpose, Process, and Guidelines

Presented by the Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition

Why: Research has shown that connectedness is one of the strongest protective factors against suicide. When someone feels that they are understood and that they belong, their chances of taking their own life decrease significantly. By acknowledging these areas of connectedness in our communities, we not only highlight places that individuals may access but also encourage others to consider this factor in their work with groups.

Who: Any organization or individual in Delaware or Morrow County may be nominated for the CCA if they can complete the application demonstrating their ability to create connectedness in their specific community. Applicants may nominate their organization, a different organization or an individual.

What: The CCA represents the demonstrated ability to create a sense of connectedness, belonging, and empowerment for the community. The individual or organization awarded the CCA has created an atmosphere of understanding the acceptance for a group of few or many- especially those who face mental health challenges. Because of this work, there is a safe space for individuals to feel that they are cared for and their lives have purpose.

When: The work of the award recipient must occur within Delaware and Morrow County and may include various positions. The nomination applications are due by 5:00pm on August 1st of each awarding year and the recipient will be acknowledged at the Annual Suicide Prevention Walk in September.

Where: The nomination application can be downloaded from the HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc. website and submitted by ground mail, fax, or e-mail to MIencl@helplinedelmor.org

How: Once the applications have been received by the deadline, the DSPC will arrange a cohort of people to judge each one using a basic scoring system. This cohort cannot include a DSPC member who is also being nominated individually or through their organization/school. The cohort will decide on one award recipient per year and the rest will receive an honorable mention certificate from the DSPC.

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Nomination Application

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DEADLINE August 1, 2015

A. JUDGING CRITERIA:

The award recipient demonstrates **all of the following qualities** in their work with a specific group:

- **Connectedness-** Developing a social bond through duration of relationship, frequency of interaction with the other person, knowledge of the other person's goals, physical closeness with the other person, self-disclosure to the other person, and familiarity with the rest of your social circle.
- **Belonging-** Fulfilling the emotional need to be accepted, the desire to be a part of something greater than themselves and to give and receive support.
- **Empowerment-**Facilitating the process of gaining the ability, authority, and self-esteem to make decisions and implement change in their own lives for the better.

B. Your information (The person recommending)

I am nominating: ☐My org/school ☐Individual ☐Org./School

Name:

Organization/School Name:

County: ☐Delaware ☐Morrow

Title:

E-mail:

Phone:

Relationship to Nominee:

Years Known:

C. Their information (The person/org/school you are recommending)

Please include information on the role(s) which demonstrates their qualities for the award.

3. How have they developed an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance for a group of few or many- especially those who face mental health challenges (Please avoid specific identifying information)?
4. How have they fostered a safe space for individuals to feel that they are cared for and their lives have purpose?

E. Submission. The Deadline is 5:00pm August 1st, 2015. You may address the application to Max LencI and submit it by:

- E-mail: mlencI@helplinedelmor.org
- Ground Mail:
HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc.
C/O Max LencI
11 N. Franklin St.
Delaware, OH
43015
- Fax: 740-369-0358

Thank you for your time in acknowledging the work that is being done in the community to create connectedness. You will be contacted shortly to confirm that we have received this application and the information is complete. All nominees will be contacted by phone or email before the award is presented. **The award and honorable mentions will be given at the 5th Annual Suicide Prevention Walk on September 12th, 2015 at Bicentennial Park.** See <http://www.helplinedelmor.org> for updates and pre-registration details.