

2021 Guardians for Good Award

The Guardians for Good (GFG) award is presented annually to an individual or organization within the HelpLine service territory that has demonstrated superior social justice advocacy, sponsorship and support, exemplifying HelpLine values that propel the organization toward achieving its mission/vision. The award is presented annually at the Guardians for Good luncheon with a custom plaque presented to the awardee.

The HelpLine leadership team makes the selection based on nominations from community members, HelpLine staff, Board and volunteers who will provide a brief narrative describing the qualifying characteristics of the candidate complete with examples of their service. The award may be given to an individual or group, and the decision is final. The final deadline for award submissions is **October 29, 2021**.

Purpose of Award:

- Recognize everyday champions who embody HelpLine values, and work to cultivate and advance good in the community
- Celebrate significant achievements and progress toward the HelpLine vision through the service or social advocacy lens
- Reinforces appreciation for sponsorship activity and giving
- Build community and culture of recognition among those who support HelpLine

Selection Criteria:

- Existing supporter (sponsorship, service or social justice advocate; in-kind, monetary, time)
- Significant contribution toward achievement of our mission/vision.
- Nomination and agreement among HelpLine leadership team
- Nomination received by expressed deadline

Selection Process:

- The HelpLine leadership team considers the impact and progress of the nominee towards achieving our mission to support and strengthen the emotional health and wellness of the community.
- Organizational members may discuss potential candidates but will not forward these materials or tell others outside the organization about the award. The idea is for the award to be a surprise element for the recipient at the GFG luncheon.
- The leadership team will meet during the last meeting in October to review the nominations and select the final awardees.

Number of Awards Presented:

- The GFG award will be presented in classes of no more than a total of five individuals and/or organizations.

Award Day:

- Awarded by the Executive and Associate Directors at the GFG luncheon held each year on Giving Tuesday.
- Recipients will receive the GFG award during GFG luncheon and be asked to say a few words about receiving the honor.

Previous Winners:

- 2018 – Keith Boger (posthumously), Jim Roesch and 1808 American Bistro
- 2019 – The Coss Family, Richard Upton, Amanda Mowry, Vessel Church and Andrew Aquino
- 2020 – Susan Hanson, Delaware African American Heritage Council, Second Ward Community Center, Michael Schnell, George Needham, Family Promise and Delaware General Health District.

