



Community Involvement Awards 2024

Awards are presented to individuals and groups who reside in Washington County or engage in volunteer work in Washington County and have performed outstanding volunteer service. This is demonstrated through **initiative, commitment, and dedication** to going above and beyond to serve their community.

Volunteer Award Category	Description	Criteria
Group/Family Volunteers	This award recognizes a group or family who has demonstrated impactful work through their volunteer service in their community.	Group or family of 2 or more individuals; involvement with at least one organization, event, or project; no time minimum
Exemplary Employer	This award recognizes an employer for their commitment to their community through support and encouragement of their employees to volunteer and give back to the community on an annual basis.	Employer of one or more employees; involvement with at least one organization, event, or project; no time minimum
Youth Volunteer	This award recognizes a young individual who demonstrates a strong commitment to their community through their volunteer service.	17 years old or younger; involvement with at least one organization, event or project; no time minimum
Outstanding	This award recognizes an adult for outstanding service that supports the needs of the community, and shows they are dedicated to going above and beyond.	18 years old or older; involvement with at least one organization for 1+ years
Lifetime	This award recognizes an adult for their noteworthy commitment to serving the community, and their ongoing enthusiasm toward volunteerism.	30 years old or older; involvement with at least two organizations for 10+ years
Legacy	This award honors the life of an individual whose service to Washington County had a deep and meaningful impact in the community. Their lifetime of service exemplified a true spirit of volunteering and community service.	Deceased; made a lasting impact in the community

To Nominate: 500 word maximum

Please share how this individual, employer, or group has contributed and made a difference in the community or organization they serve. Describe how they have met or exceeded the specific award criteria.

Consider the following:

- Community Need - What specific needs were addressed and who received services?
- Impact - Based on the community need, describe the difference the nominee's service made. What changed; who or what benefitted?
- Organization Needs - How have the efforts helped meet the needs of the organization and/or community?
- Frequency - Summarize the number of hours, frequency, and years of service. Was this a one-time or ongoing volunteer effort?
- Reflection - Offer your personal comments about the nominee's accomplishments and impact. In your own words, how have they embodied the spirit of volunteerism?



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Community Involvement Awards 2024 Nomination Form

DUE MARCH 13, 2024

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION:

1. Complete the information on this side of the form.
2. Attach your 500-word description as a Word document, PDF, body of an email, or as a hand-written letter.
3. Attach the *optional* materials.
4. Submit your nomination by emailing your completed form to Volunteer@CommunityThreadMN.org or by mailing to Community Thread, 2300 Orleans St. W., Stillwater, MN 55082.

CATEGORY FOR NOMINATION: SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DESCRIPTIONS AND CRITERIA.

Please check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Group/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy |

NOMINATOR INFORMATION (PERSON SUBMITTING)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION (PERSON RECEIVING)

Name(s) of individual/group/family/employer being nominated:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

OPTIONAL: Additional supplemental materials (i.e., photos, newspaper clippings, other recognitions/awards, etc.) can be submitted with this application. Note, this is optional and the inclusion of supplemental materials will not impact the final decision. For marketing purposes, Community Thread staff will reach out to nominees for photos at a later date.