
Has someone touched your heart?

The Whitley County Community Foundation wishes to identify and provide recognition to "everyday" citizens in our community who touch the hearts of others.

We have defined Heart of Gold Recipients as those people who give of themselves unselfishly to serve others, collectively or individually, with volunteer acts of service and/or kindness beyond the call of duty.

Any person, regardless of age, who enhances the quality of life of someone else is eligible to be nominated.

Such acts of service may largely go unnoticed and include, but are not limited to: helping senior citizens, helping disadvantaged persons, working to improve the quality of education, expanding recreational and cultural opportunities, working with children, protecting the environment, building jobs in the community, promoting public safety, and unusual acts of kindness.

What do Heart of Gold Awards recipients receive?

Each Heart of Gold nominee will receive a heart-shaped medallion inscribed with their name and their Heart of Gold achievement.

Three special finalists to receive the Heart of Gold award will each have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the charity of their choice (from an approved list furnished by the Whitley County Community Foundation).

Deadline is: March 14th, 2008

If you are unsure about how to fill out the application or are unable to do so for any reason, please call the Whitley County Community Foundation at 260-244-5224. Our director will be pleased to assist you.

What Criteria are Heart of Gold Awards based upon?

When making its choice, the Board of Selectors will take into account whether the nominee:

- Identifies a need and fulfills it.
- Recognizes opportunities and acts upon them.
- Shares their time and energy for the sake of others.
- Overcomes unusual challenges to serve others.
- Renders a service which changes a life,
- Works to create positive change.
- Inspires others to volunteer.
- Performs an exceptional act of kindness.

How can I nominate someone for a Heart of Gold Award?

To help the Board of Selectors fully appreciate your nominee's efforts, you may find the following suggestions helpful in filling out the nomination form.

- Please state the reasons why this person fits the description of having a "Heart of Gold."
- Be sure to address the concerns listed in this brochure under "Selection Criteria."
- Please type or write clearly. However, this is not an essay contest-no points are given for the style of this narrative.
- Be sure your nomination form is postmarked by the deadline date.
- Please note that your narrative should be suitable for a public audience and may be made available to local newspapers.
- WE WANT TO FIND WHITLEY COUNTY'S PEOPLE WITH HEARTS OF GOLD