

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR AWARDS

CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV



2009 NOMINATION GUIDELINES



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ABOUT THE AWARDS

Every year the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago pays tribute to outstanding individuals working to make a difference in the lives of persons with HIV and AIDS. These men and women are civic leaders and activists, attorneys and legislators, doctors and administrators. They are on the front lines of the epidemic and their efforts bring care, housing and other vital services to thousands living with HIV, their families and their loved ones. They have distinguished themselves by their commitment and compassion and for this reason we proudly honor them as our Advocates of the Year.

1995

Linda Rio

1996

Dr. Mardge Cohen
Dr. Renslow Sherer

1997

Mark Ishaug
Michelle Mascaro
David Munar

of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago

1998

Christie Hefner
The Chicago Area HIV Services
Planning Council

1999

Stuart Graff
Heather Sawyer
Schiff Hardin LLP

2000

Hon. Danny K. Davis
Hon. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.
Hon. Bobby L. Rush
Senator Christine Radogno
The Hearts Foundation

2001

Paul Concialdi
Dr. Kirby Cunningham
Nicholas Knuth

2002

Margaret Gilkey
Dr. William Johnson
& Bethsheba Johnson, APRN
Mary Lee
Jim Pickett

2003

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz
Maurice Chapman
Tracy Fischman

2004

Brent Adams
Alderman Tom Tunney
Karen Reitan
HIV/AIDS Ministry,
Trinity United Church of Christ

2005

Pediatric AIDS Chicago
Prevention Initiative
Dr. Jeffrey Watts
DIFFA/Chicago

2006

Dr. Ram Yogev
State Rep. Constance Howard
Catherine Christeller
Season of Concern
Karen & Kimball Anderson

2007

Dr. Beverly Sha
John Peller
Sidney Thomas, MSW
Ida Byther-Smith
Dance for Life
The Chicago Bar Foundation

2008

Dr. Robert Saqueton
Maureen Gallagher, APN
Howard Spiller
Nancy Abraham-Budds
Megan Martin, RN
Wendy Courts



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NOMINATION CATEGORIES

The AIDS Legal Council of Chicago is inviting members of the general public to submit nominations for the 2009 Advocates of the Year Awards. Established in 1994, the Awards recognize those who, through advocacy, philanthropy, education, medical care and direct client services, are making an impact in the fight against HIV and improving the quality of life of persons living with HIV in the Chicago metropolitan area. A selection committee comprised of previous Award recipients will review and evaluate submissions in the following six (6) categories.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

The ideal candidate for the Outstanding Community Advocate Award will be an activist, elected official, religious or civic leader, advocacy group or other outstanding individual/organization that has demonstrated exemplary leadership in advocating for the collective good of the HIV community.

OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE

The ideal candidate for the Outstanding Advocate in Health Care Award will be a medical professional who has demonstrated excellence in providing compassionate medical care to people with HIV. Nominees may include physicians, nurses, dentists, mental health providers, or other health professionals.

OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE IN CLIENT SERVICES

With the Advocate of the Year Award for Outstanding Client Services, the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago pays tribute to individuals and agencies who provide direct services to people with HIV. Ideal candidates may include case managers, counselors, social workers, housing advocates, attorneys, and others who deliver direct services and care.

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIC ADVOCATE

The Outstanding Philanthropic Advocate Award acknowledges the contributions of individuals, foundations, firms, businesses and other entities or persons who have demonstrated a commitment to the fight against AIDS by supporting programs and organizations that deliver vital services to those who are affected by the disease.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

The Outstanding Volunteer Award pays tribute to individuals who generously lend their time and expertise to help people with HIV. Ideal candidates may include board members, program/agency volunteers and persons who render *pro bono* services to organizations that help individuals affected with HIV.

OUTSTANDING EMERGING LEADER

The AIDS Legal Council of Chicago awards the Outstanding Emerging Leader Award to individuals who demonstrate remarkable promise as an advocate for people with HIV. Candidates should be under the age of 35 or have less than 5 years of work experience in the field of HIV service and/or advocacy.



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PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

The Advocates of the Year Award Selection Committee receives many outstanding nominations every year. When preparing your nomination, keep the following in mind:

- Do not assume that members of the selection committee will be familiar with your nominee. Provide as many concrete examples of the candidate's achievements as you can and take special care to be accurate with facts, names, dates and any other relevant information.
- Please make sure to submit a completed nomination form, a narrative describing why your candidate would make a worthy recipient of the award (2-page max.), and two additional letters of support, not to exceed two pages each. If you are submitting supplemental information (such as newspaper clippings, resumes or articles), please keep to 5 pages or less.
- To ensure the most diverse pool of candidates possible, you are encouraged to submit applications for people of color, young emerging leaders and individuals who are public about their HIV status.
- The Committee will generally favor applications for nominees who have gone above and beyond their routine professional duties in providing services and advocating for persons with HIV.
- Please note that depending on the number and quality of nominations received, the Committee may choose to select multiple recipients in any given category. The Committee may also choose not to award in a particular category if there are insufficient nominees, or if candidates submitted do not meet the award requirements.
- Submit all materials by **Friday, January 30, 2009** via mail or delivery to:

Ricardo Cifuentes
Director of Development
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
180 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 2110
Chicago, IL 60601-7454

- If submitting your materials by fax or e-mail, please follow-up by contacting Ricardo Cifuentes at (312) 427-8990, to ensure your nomination was properly received. Fax number is (312) 427-8419, and e-mail is ricardo@aidslegal.com.
- **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ricardo Cifuentes, Director of Development at (312) 427-8990, or by e-mail at ricardo@aidslegal.com.**



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ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of previous award recipients and a final vote will be held several weeks after the submission deadline. If your candidate is selected, ALCC will contact you directly and give you the opportunity to inform the winner of the committee's choice. Please note that the committee, at its discretion, may choose more than one winner in each category or may decide to leave a category with no winner if there are insufficient nominees or if the candidates do not meet the award requirements.

The members of the 2009 Selection Committee are:

IDA BYTHER—SMITH

Jo-Ray House

MAURICE CHAPMAN

Austin Health Center of Cook County

PAUL CONCIALDI

Social Security Administration

ANN HILTON FISHER, ESQ.

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago

MAUREEN GALLAGHER, APN

CORE Center

JOSHUA LEE, ESQ.

Schiff Hardin LLP

JOHN PELLER

AIDS Foundation of Chicago

JIM PICKETT

AIDS Foundation of Chicago

KAREN REITAN

Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago

DR. ROBERT SAQUETON

Advocate Illinois Masonic

ANNE STATTON

Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative

DR. JEFFREY WATTS

CORE Center



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2009 NOMINATION FORM AND GUIDELINES

To be considered for the 2009 Advocates of the Year Award, please supply the following by Friday, January 30, 2009:

- A nomination form indicating the category (or categories) for which the nominee should be considered
- A brief narrative (2-page max.) describing why the candidate would be a worthy recipient of this award
- A maximum of two supporting letters not exceeding one page each

Please provide concrete examples of the candidate's achievements and take special care to be accurate with facts, names, dates and other relevant information. If submitting supplemental materials (articles, resumes, publications), please keep to 5 pages or less. No applications submitted on behalf of previous honorees and no posthumous nominations accepted.

1. THE NOMINATOR

Name of Nominating Individual or Organization _____

Contact Name (if nominator is an organization) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____

2. THE NOMINEE

Name of Nominee _____

Contact Name (if nominee is an organization) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____

I am submitting this candidate's name for consideration under the following award category or categories (you may choose more than one, if applicable).

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Community Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Health Care Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Philanthropic Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Advocate in Client Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Emerging Leader |

Nominator signature _____ Date _____