



Fostering Innovations and Strategies to End Domestic Violence

Celebrating Solutions Awards Call for Nominations

The Mary Byron Project's Celebrating Solutions Awards honor innovative programs that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence. We select programs that can serve as models for the nation and offer cash awards of \$10,000 in recognition of their pioneering efforts. These are awards for accomplishments, not grants for future projects. Recipients are not required to render any further services as a condition of receiving a Celebrating Solutions Award.

The awards are presented annually. In general, the Mary Byron Project chooses four winners each year, yet reserves the right to choose fewer. Institutions that have applied in previous years are welcome to do so again.

Eligibility criteria:

- The program's primary focus must address the issue of domestic violence.
- Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three (3) years (no later than September 2008 for the 11-12 award year.)
- The program must be part of a non-profit 501(c) (3) or government agency.
- The program should be replicable, or if it is national in scope, the program should have applications for individual communities, regardless of their size or ethnic population.

Not eligible for Celebrating Solutions Awards are:

- Past Celebrating Solutions Award winners.
- Organizations other than non-profit or governmental.
- Organizations operating outside the United States or a U.S. territory.
- Individuals.
- Basic research.

There are two stages to the awards process. Stage one requires submission of a nomination form, program outline, and release. If your nomination advances to the second stage, you will be asked to provide additional information and letters of support. **Do not send brochures, videos, annual reports, or any support materials for the first round of judging, as they will be discarded.**

Nominations are judged by a panel of experts in criminal justice, health care, and public policy. These individuals remain anonymous so their ability to judge the nominations will not be influenced by a relationship with a nominated organization.

To nominate your organization for the Celebrating Solutions Award, mail **three collated copies** of the completed program outline, nomination form, and release, to:

Celebrating Solutions Awards
Mary Byron Project, Inc.
10401 Linn Station Road, Suite 116
Louisville, KY 40223

Please remember:

- Complete **all** sections of the nomination form.
- Include page numbers at the top right corner of each page.
- Please cite the reference for any statistics provided.
- Use paper clips, not staples, to separate the three collated copies.
- If you want an acknowledgement that your nomination was received, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your package.
- Any staff member, board member, volunteer, or community supporter may nominate an institution for a Celebrating Solutions Award. However, we ask that only one contact person be designated by the institution.
- **We strongly recommend reviewing nominations by past winners. These are available in PDF format on our website at www.marybyronproject.org/work_solutions.html.**

Nominations must be postmarked by **November 18, 2011**. E-mail and fax submissions will **not** be accepted.

Please direct questions to information@marybyronproject.org with "Celebrating Solutions Award" in the subject line. **No telephone calls, please.**

Celebrating Solutions Award Program Outline

Responses to the following questions should be kept to a total of 6 pages – no less than 12-point font size. Please use single-sided paper only.

1. Describe the mission of your organization in five sentences or less.
2. Describe the most innovative aspects of the program you are submitting for consideration.
3. Describe your program's implementation. What barriers did your organization have to overcome? How did you marshal the necessary resources for implementation?
4. How do you know your program works? Please site two examples. Although anecdotal examples are helpful, at least one example must include quantitative data.
5. Who are your key partners? What are their roles?
6. Could/should your program be replicated in other areas of the country? Why?
7. Does your agency have a workplace policy that addresses domestic violence? If so, please include a copy.
8. Has the agency and/or nominated program received VAWA funding?

Celebrating Solutions Award Nomination Form

Legal name of organization:

Year established:

Program nominated for award (if different):

Year established:

Address:

City/State/ZIP code:

Agency phone number:

Contact person:

Title:

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

Website address:

Brief description of organization:

Geographical area served:

Is the organization tax-exempt under IRS 501 (c) (3) guidelines or a public agency/unit of government?

Please check up to five descriptors that best apply to the program you are nominating:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Batterer treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public awareness/education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition/collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> School/youth violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter-based |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dating violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Stalking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology/Internet service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/training program | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based | <input type="checkbox"/> Underserved population |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care setting | <input type="checkbox"/> University setting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotline service | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim relocation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal aid/assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prison-based | |

As one of the goals of the Mary Byron Project is to disseminate information about cutting-edge programs and best practices, we wish to post exemplary Celebrating Solutions Award nominations on our website (www.marybyronproject.org). Those posted will include the organization's website address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If you have concerns about this request, please address them to information@marybyronproject.org, prior to submitting a nomination.

By my signature on this letter, I grant the Mary Byron Project permission to use the contents of my nomination for the Celebrating Solutions Award in the manner and for the purposes set above. I further affirm that I am fully authorized to grant such permission to the Mary Byron Project.

Signature _____

Date _____