



Fostering Innovations and Strategies to End Domestic Violence

Celebrating Solutions Awards

Roth Award for Underserved Populations

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.

The Roth Award has been created specifically for programs that address the needs of underserved populations. These programs provide services to those who are identified as such based on characteristics that include race, ethnicity, gender, faith, disability (blind, deaf, hard of hearing, physically or mentally disabled), low socio-economic status, non-English speaking, and surprisingly, victims from economically-comfortable suburban areas who traditionally do not know how to avail themselves of services or who are too ashamed to find them. In general, an underserved population has a lack of resources or individuals within these groups have difficulty accessing available resources.

One award will be presented annually, in addition to the other four Celebrating Solutions Awards. 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 – Roth Award
 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 for this specific award must be postmarked by **December 16, 2011**. E-mail and fax submissions will **not** be accepted.

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

Celebrating Solutions Roth 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. **Why do your clients need resources that are structured specifically for them?**

4. **How do you determine that the population you serve qualifies as “underserved”?**
5. Describe your program’s implementation. What barriers did your organization have to overcome? How did you marshal the necessary resources for implementation?
6. How do you know your program works? Please site two examples. Although anecdotal examples are helpful, at least one example must include quantitative data.
7. Who are your key partners? What are their roles? **Are there any other domestic violence resources available for your clients in your community? If so, are they your partners?**
8. Could/should your program be replicated in other areas of the country? Why?
9. Does your agency have a workplace policy that addresses domestic violence? If so, please include a copy.
10. 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?

In addition to your program being responsive to the underserved, please check up to four descriptors that best apply to the program you are nominating:

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

University setting
 Victim relocation

Workplace intervention
 Other _____

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 _____