

Michigan Public Health Week 2024

Nominations are Now Open for the Annual Hometown Health Hero Award!

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership (Partnership)* invites you to nominate someone for the **Hometown Health Hero award**. The Hometown Health Hero award is presented every year to individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and measurable contributions to preserve and/or improve the health of their community. Awardees are selected solely from nominations received. The only way for someone to receive this award is to be nominated. These awards will be presented on April 10, 2024, as part of Public Health Week in Michigan.

The 2024 award event marks the 20th anniversary of these awards and the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership that sponsors them. Over the last twenty years community leaders, organizations, and individuals have been doing great things to improve the health of their communities and to increase equity in health. The Partnership wants to continue to recognize those accomplishments, but we need your help. What health improvements are happening in your community that we can potentially recognize with this award? To help you answer that question, [look at those who have received this award in the past](#). Submit a completed nomination form to the Partnership by [email](#) or fax (517-335-8392) no later than 5:00 pm, **January 31**. Awardees are selected solely from nominations received by the deadline.

For Public Health Week in Michigan 2024, the Partnership has adopted the theme for National Public Health Week: “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health” as the theme for Public Health Week in Michigan. As the American Public Health Association notes, “Public health is more than just health care. It's the steps we take to make sure our neighborhoods and environment are free from pollution. It's making sure our food and water are safe to eat and drink. It's also the relationships we foster in our communities. We're all interconnected. When we all come together to support public health, all of us — individuals, families, communities, and the public health field — can achieve the goals of public health.” ([NPHW.org](https://www.nphw.org)) National Public Health Week is sponsored by the American Public Health Association.

Awards will be presented on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Atrium of Heritage Hall in the State Capitol Building. The event is open to the public.

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*The following organizations make up the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership: Eastern Michigan University Master of Public Health in Health Education, Grand Valley State University Master of Public Health Program, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association for Local Public Health, Michigan Association of Medical Examiners, Michigan Health and Hospital Association, Michigan Public Health Association, the Michigan Public Health Institute, Michigan State University Charles Stewart Mott Department of Public Health, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Wayne State University College of Human Medicine Family Medicine program, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Hometown Health Hero Award Nomination Form

Please describe the reason(s) this person or organization is a Hometown Health Hero by answering the questions below. **Remember: if the person you nominate does this activity as part of their normal job duties, you need to tell us how they have gone above and beyond those job duties** to achieve this great work.

Submitter Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Nominee Contact Information

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Is the address Home or Work (check one)

Phone:

Email Address:

Information about the Activity

1. Name of the Activity:

(Example: Rides for Wellness)

2. Community Served (location and population):

(Examples: City of _____, County of _____, at risk teens in the city of _____, elderly residents in _____ County, etc.)

3. Objective or goal:

(Example: Increase access to healthcare for residents by providing reliable transportation)

4. Dates of this activity:

(Examples: 2010-Present, 2012-2014, etc.)

5. Describe the specific outcomes this activity brought to the health of the population served.
How was the health of the community improved?

(Example: Through this activity residents that would have missed a doctor appointment or would have gone without needed medication because they could not get to the pharmacy now have access to these services through this program.)

6. How were the outcomes/improvements listed in #5 measured?

(Example: Survey conducted; anecdotal reporting, observations, feedback from the public, etc.)

7. If this activity is related to the nominee's normal job, describe how this activity goes above and beyond their job responsibilities:

(Example: the nominee works on this project on their own time outside of work)

Send this completed form to Jim Koval of the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership via email at kovalj@michigan.gov; if you do not have ready access to email, you may fax your completed form to 517-335-8392. **Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm (ET) January 31, 2024.**