

Michigan Public Health Week 2023

Hometown Health Hero Award

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership* invites you to join them in celebrating Public Health Week in Michigan by nominating someone for the **Hometown Health Hero award**. The Hometown Health Hero award is presented to individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and measurable contributions to preserve and/or improve their community's health.

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership has adopted the theme for National Public Health Week: "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health." Our cultures have always shaped our health. We learn from the communities we're born in and that we build together. We look to community leaders as our health champions. We celebrate the unique and joyful ways different cultures focus on health. We can learn from each other, with humility and openness.

Understanding the cultures in our communities helps achieve health equity. The daily themes for National Public Health Week can provide additional context. The daily themes are:

[Community](#) (Monday), [Violence Prevention](#) (Tuesday), [Reproductive and Sexual Health](#) (Wednesday), [Mental Health](#) (Thursday), [Rural Health](#) (Friday), [Accessibility](#) (Saturday), [Food and Nutrition](#) (Sunday).

Community leaders, organizations, and individuals are doing great things to improve the health of their communities and to increase equity in health. The Partnership wants to recognize those accomplishments, but we need your help. You know your community best. 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](#). The only way for someone to receive the award is to be nominated. Submit the nomination form below by email or fax no later than **February 10**. Awardees are selected from nominations received by the deadline.

Awards will be presented at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, in the new Heritage Hall of the State Capitol Building.

Submit your nomination to Jim Koval by email (kovalj@michigan.gov) or fax (517-335-9434)
Nominations must be received by February 10, 2023.

*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, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, the Michigan Public Health Association, the Michigan Public Health Institute, Michigan State University, 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:

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 form to 517-335-9434. **Nominations must be received by February 10.**