



Call for Nominations 2009 Ohio CDC Awards

In conjunction with the Ohio CDC Association's 25th Annual Conference on September 23-24, 2009 in Canton, OCDCA is issuing a Call for Nominations for the Ohio CDC Awards. These awards recognize CDC Staff and Board Members, CDCs, CDC projects, CDC Partners and CDC advocates from exemplary contributions over the past year to the field of community-based development. Celebrate the individuals and organizations that are helping to stabilize, restore and invigorate communities in Ohio! All nominations must be submitted by August 28. Winners will be announced at the Member Awards Luncheon on September 24. The award categories are the following:

Ned D. Neuhausel Award

In 2008, the OCDCA Board created an award to honor Edward D. "Ned" Neuhausel, long-time leader in Ottawa County's disability support system and Executive Director of Ottawa Residential Services, Inc. in Port Clinton, who died in 2007. Ned served as OCDCA vice-president and was an active member of the Policy Committee where he worked to secure funding for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and state CHDO Operating Support Grant Program. The Ottawa County Board of MRDD praised Ned, saying, "Over the years, Ned's commitment to community living and the rights of individuals with disabilities enhanced the lives of countless people, not only in Ottawa County but around Ohio." Nominate a CDC staff member, board member or CDC volunteer who has played a key role in providing affordable housing for vulnerable people and been a strong advocate on their behalf.

Stephanie J. Bevens Award

This award recognizes an outstanding advocate for their low- to moderate-income community who also exhibits an entrepreneurial spirit. The OCDCA board established this award to honor Stephanie J. Bevens, a long-time OCDCA Board Member who died in 2005. Stephanie was an innovative director of micro-enterprise programs at Pike County Community Action and a tireless advocate on behalf of low-income entrepreneurs. Nominate a CDC staff member, board member or CDC volunteer who has exhibited an entrepreneurial spirit and been a strong advocate on behalf of low- to moderate income people.

CDC Project of the Year

This award gives recognition to an outstanding CDC project related to housing, economic development, community organizing, micro-enterprise or other type of asset development. The project must have been completed between 8/08 and 8/09. Members and non-members are eligible to nominate CDC projects, including the CDC that sponsored the project. Please describe the project in detail, its impact on the community and why it deserves special recognition.

CDC Staff Member of the Year

Nominate an outstanding staff member, full or part-time who has made the work of the CDC a success. This award can also recognize an outstanding AmeriCorps*VISTA member. Please note this is the only award for which you may not nominate yourself. Please describe the accomplishments and attributes of the CDC staff member and why the individual deserves the award.

CDC Board Member of the Year

Recognize an outstanding board member who has provided leadership or other major contributions to a CDC during a current or recently ended term of service on a Board of Directors (serving at some time during 8/08 and 8/09). Be sure to describe the board member's contributions to the board, capacity in which the individual has served and why they are deserving of special recognition.

Community Development Partner of the Year

The Community Development Partner of the Year may be a special non-profit or faith-based organization, individual, business, financial institution, foundation, intermediary, government agency or other entity that has provided support to a CDC between 8/08 and 8/09. Nominations should name one or more individuals associated with the partner and describe how the partner has made an impact on a CDC project or program.

CDC of the Year (Mature)

Nominate a CDC that has done terrific work this year (8/08-8/09), and has been in operation for at least five full years, dated from the receipt of its 501 (c) (3) status. Nominations should highlight not just quantifiable achievements but also the kind of impact the CDC has had in its community.

CDC of the Year (Emerging)

Nominate a CDC that has been in operation for at least one year but less than 5 years (as dated from the receipt of its 501 (c) (3) or articles of incorporation) which has made great progress over the past year (8/08-8/09).

Rules:

To be considered official, nominations must:

- Provide the name, address and phone number of both the nominator and the nominee and the name of the award for which they are being nominated at the top of your page. Please attach the nomination rather than putting the nomination in the body of the e-mail.
- Provide a description of the nominee or nominated project that includes key reasons for why the individual, organization or project should receive the award. To be most effective, the nomination should be written by someone knowledgeable about the project or person.
- Consist of no more than 500 words.
- Be received by August 28.
- Nominations must be sent by e-mail to pkbarnes@ohiocdc.org
- A digital photo is requested for publicity purposes. Photos of the winners will be used at the awards ceremony and may be placed on the website.
- Nominate a **member** of the Ohio CDC Association except in the case of the Partner of the Year, where a nominee does not have to be a member but must be a partner of a current OCDCA member.

Award winners will be selected by the Awards Committee. This Committee consists of individuals who are not voting members, staff or board members of the Ohio CDC Association. Send your nominations to OCDCA by e-mail by **August 28** to pkbarnes@ohiocdc.org. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Barnes.

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