



## **NANCY J. DOWD HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

### **Award Criteria**

The Nancy J. Dowd Humanitarian Award (NDHA) is presented annually by Mountain Valley Hospice (MVH) in memory of NANCY J. DOWD, whose legacy of love and compassion is the model of humanitarian behavior. The world is a better place because of Nancy Dowd's deep sense of humanity and selfless manner. This award has been established to honor the positive difference that Nancy Dowd made in the lives of those she touched and to acknowledge those who are following in Nancy Dowd's example through their humanitarian efforts.

#### **Rules and Judging Criteria:**

Individuals and organizations (nonprofit and for-profit) are invited to submit entries to recognize an individual's outstanding achievement as outlined below. While nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis, the nominating process will occur annually during the months of March, April and May. Selection will occur in the month of June.

The Chairperson of the MVH Board of Directors shall designate members of a Task Force designated with the responsibility to recommend to the MVH Board of Directors an Award Recipient on an annual basis. Members of this Task Force may include members of the Dowd Family, members of the MVH Board of Directors and/or Foundation Board, MVH Staff, and/or Community Stakeholders. One award is presented annually at an event designated by the MVH Board of Directors. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

#### **Elements of a Strong Nomination:**

- Describe how this person has made a difference in the Mohawk Valley. Cite tangible and quantifiable examples of the nominee's impact on the community. Discuss evidence of dedication, innovation, creativity and vision; include how the nominee inspires and motivates others to act in a manner that helps to improve the welfare and happiness of people.
- The primary focus should be on Mohawk Valley efforts. National and/or international humanitarian involvements will be appropriately considered, but will not substitute for local involvement.
- Add details and include hard data of direct support, including the financial contributions, volunteer activities, number of people impacted, outcomes, etc. Generate excitement

and enthusiasm for your nominee. Share an inspirational story or anecdotal information; be descriptive.

- Focus on ongoing activities and overall efforts.
- Research what your nominee is doing with other groups; encourage other groups to also submit a nomination for your nominee.

**To Nominate an Individual:**

Please send a detailed email following the above-outlined criteria to MVH President/CEO Kara Travis at [kara.travis@mvhcares.org](mailto:kara.travis@mvhcares.org). Your nomination should explain how the individual or organization qualifies for the NDHA and why he/they should be considered by the NDHA Task Force for 2019 recognition.