

2008 Red Wagon Awards

MICHIGAN'S PROMISE
THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH[®]



Michigan's Youth. Michigan's Promise

Nominate Your Special Program Today!

Nominations must be postmarked by March 21, 2008

For more information, please visit www.mipromise.org/red_wagon.asp



Michigan Nonprofit Association

Michigan's Promise is a program of the Michigan Nonprofit Association and is supported by the ConnectMichigan Alliance Endowment

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Michigan's Promise is happy to announce the 2008 Red Wagon Awards. This award program is open to any program fulfilling one of the five promises in Michigan. Ten (10) Red Wagon Awards will be given to programs that exemplify one of the five promises. The winning programs will receive state recognition and a \$500 grant award. Consumers Energy, supporter of Michigan's Promise, will provide funding through the Consumers Energy Foundation to help recognize the winning programs. Since its creation in 1990, the Consumers Energy Foundation has touched countless lives and communities through grant programs, corporate giving and employee volunteers.

Michigan's Promise, launched in 1997, works to ensure that all of Michigan's youth will have a caring adult, safe place, healthy start, marketable skills and an opportunity to give back to their community, the state of Michigan and overall society. The Red Wagon Awards are designed to recognize and thank special local programs for their tremendous contributions toward making Michigan communities the best places to raise children. The Red Wagon Award winners will be honored during a lunch ceremony May 13, 2008 at the 2008 Michigan Nonprofit SuperConference held at the Lansing Center, in Lansing, Michigan.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Nomination Form provided within this application must be typed or neatly printed.
- ◆ Nomination Narrative can be no more than two pages double-sided, typed in 12-point font or larger, double-spaced with one-inch margins and should answer the five questions identified on the nomination form.
- ◆ Include a brief (100-150 word) paragraph description of the nominated program to be used in publications.
**This does not count against your two pages, double-sided narrative.*
- ◆ Nominators must supply two reference letters from outside the nominee program.
- ◆ Nominators can submit no more than two, double-sided, 8 ½ x 11 pages of supporting materials with each nomination packet. This can include letters of gratitude/support, newspaper articles or photographs. Supporting materials received separately from the nomination packet will not be considered. Supporting materials will not be returned.

APPLICATION RULES

1. One nomination per category, per form. **Please do not use the same narratives when applying for multiple categories.*
2. Each nomination must benefit Michigan's children and youth through one or more of the five promises.
3. Ten (10) Red Wagon Awards will be given — at least one award per category.
4. Each winner will receive recognition on the state level along with a grant award of \$500 to support and expand their local program.
5. The nomination form may be duplicated.
6. All nominations are reviewed by a panel of community volunteers and Michigan Nonprofit Association staff.
7. All programs will be notified by mail of the Red Wagon Award winners in April 2008.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All nominations must be postmarked no later than March 21, 2008. Facsimiles and electronic submissions will not be accepted.

Nomination Form

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

(Please check one category which applies to your nomination. If you wish to apply for multiple categories, you must copy this form):

Caring Adult

Any program that provides ongoing relationships with Caring Adults to the children and youth in their community.

Safe Place

Any program that provides a Safe Place, both physically and emotionally, with structured activities during non-school hours for the children and youth in their community.

Healthy Start

Any program that provides a Healthy Start for the children and youth in their community through adequate nutrition, exercise and healthcare.

Effective Education

Any program that provides an Effective Education to the children and youth in their community to help them navigate the transition from school to work successfully.

Opportunity To Help Others

Any program that provides the children and youth in their community the Opportunity To Help Others through volunteerism and service.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Program/Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

FIVE NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. Describe the program, and include the number of years this program has existed. **Description paragraph may be used for publications if selected as a winner.*
2. Describe the problem(s) or need(s) being addressed through the nominated program and how these were identified.
3. How has the nominated program impacted the youth and children in this community?
4. In what way has the nominated program's performance been outstanding or beyond expectations involving the children and youth in their community?
5. How does this program advance the goals of Michigan's Promise through the category you have selected?

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Submitting the Nomination Packet

- ◆ The nomination materials must be postmarked by March 21, 2008.
- ◆ Facsimiles and electronic submissions will not be accepted.
- ◆ Michigan's Promise is not responsible for lost or damaged materials.
- ◆ Any additional questions, contact Molly Hilligoss at 517-492-2455.
- ◆ **Submission of this application indicates approval for information and materials provided herein to be used in the development of promotional materials.**

Information should be arranged in the following order:

1. Nomination Form
2. Nomination Narrative
3. Paragraph Description for Publications
4. Reference Letters
5. Supporting Materials

Send one (1) unbound original and six (6) copies postmarked no later than March 21, 2008, to:

Molly Hilligoss
Michigan's Promise—Red Wagon Awards
Michigan Nonprofit Association
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Lansing, MI 48911

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