



RHODE ISLAND CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

November is National Family Caregiving Awareness Month. It is a special time to thank, support, and honor the caregivers in Rhode Island.

A kick-off is planned at the State House on Thursday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m.

*The Family Caregiver Alliance of Rhode Island in partnership with the Division of Elderly Affairs is proud to co-sponsor the **RI Family Caregiver of the Year Award** which was established to honor and recognize caregivers who dedicate their lives to caring for those in need.*

Nominations will be taken for the following direct service awards for caregivers who demonstrate extraordinary compassion and resourcefulness in providing long-term home or community-based care. To be eligible for the award, a caregiver must be currently providing care or must have provided care within the past twelve months.

You may only nominate one person/ agency per category

To nominate an individual/ organization you will complete the attached nomination form with a one page (double spaced) description of why you feel this person is worthy of recognition.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Family Caregiver Award

Nominees accepted:

- Any unpaid family member providing assistance to a child, adult, or elder with a disability, chronic illness or other condition requiring support and assistance to have a full life in the community (or a non-relative, but perceived as family, such as neighbor or friend.)

Professional Caregiver Award

Nominees accepted for persons employed in one of the following categories:

- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Therapy aide
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)/Home Health Aide
- Patient Care Technician
- Direct Support Caregiver (companion/sitter)
- Home Based Treatment Services (HBTS) or Pass worker(CEDARR)

Best Practices in the Workplace for Caregivers

Nominees accepted for businesses and organizations who have adopted best practices in support of their employees who are caring for family and loved ones.

NOMINATION FORM

The person I am nominating is (check one)

- An unpaid family or non-relative caregiver
- Professional caregiver
- Represents a business/ organization who has adopted best practices for caregivers.

Person submitting this form: _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email: _____

I would like to nominate for this award: _____

What agency/business/organization do they work for? (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? _____

Who does this person care for and for how long? _____

Essay (up to one page double spaced)

Caregivers are by definition very special people, who all deserve to be recognized in this way. When telling the story of your caregiver, try to relate anything that makes them truly stand out as an example to others in the caregiving community

- Please include examples of one or more of the following:
- How do they exhibit exceptional compassion and dedication in their caregiving duties?
- Ways in which this nominee expanded their knowledge of caregiving skills and techniques?
- Ways in which this nominee has worked to support other caregivers in the community?
- Examples of why this caregiver is extraordinary.

Please submit the completed nomination form and essay **no later than October 6** to:

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