

Portrait of a Hero - A Celebration of Arthritis Heroes

HISTORY OF THE AWARDS

Each year, The Arthritis Society conducts a search across the division for individuals who exemplify the progress made against arthritis and the victories that can be won. Nominees can be an individual with arthritis, a supportive friend or loved one, a parent, volunteer or an arthritis healthcare professional (doctor, nurse, physical or occupational therapist). Now in its 12th year, over 400 individuals have been honoured through this program.

Nominations are open from August 16, 2010 to 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2010.

Award Selection Criteria

- Completed applications are preferred on-line on at www.arthritis.ca. For those who do not have internet access, they can call our main number 1.800.321.1433 ext. 2221 and Jacqueline will take care of your nomination.
- The selection committee will review nominees for each of the four categories
- The selection committee will select one award winner in each category.
- All nominees will be invited to and notified in advance of the awards ceremony. The award winner will only be announced at the event (not in advance).
- Each nominee will be allowed two guests.
- Award nominations will close October 1, 2010.
- Awards will be presented at the annual *Arthritis Society Portrait of a Hero Event on November 13, 2010 at La Joie de Vivre, 1008 – 14 St. SE*. If a winner is unable to attend, their award will be presented to them at a later date.
- *Decisions of the selection panel are final.*

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AWARD CATEGORIES

The following is a listing of the four award categories together with the criteria and qualifications of the nominees. **There will be one winner per category.**

PORTRAIT OF A HERO - Health / Allied Professional

Purpose: To honour a Healthcare/Allied Professional or former Health/Allied Professional for an outstanding contribution to the Society or persons living with arthritis.

Criteria/Qualifications: Nominees must be a Healthcare /Allied Professional or a former Health/Allied Professional, and must have worked diligently to advance the efforts against arthritis and whose efforts have stimulated others and helped to enhance the quality of life for someone living with arthritis.

PORTRAIT OF A HERO - Volunteer

Purpose: To recognize individuals for their significant volunteer contributions to The Arthritis Society

Criteria/Qualifications: Nominees must be volunteers who have contributed time to a variety of activities on behalf of The Arthritis Society.

PORTRAIT OF A HERO - Youth

Purpose: To honour a young person, under the age of 18, living with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis.

Criteria/Qualifications: Nominees must be under the age of 18 and living with arthritis. This individual leads a life of courage and is inspiring to others, lives life to the fullest, despite their challenges. He/she approaches life and living with arthritis in a unique and positive way - helping others as well as themselves.

PORTRAIT OF A HERO - Adult

Purpose: To honour an adult living with any one of the more than 100 types of arthritis.

Criteria/Qualifications: Nominees must be living with arthritis. This person leads a life of courage, is an inspiration to others and lives life to the fullest, despite their challenges. He/she approaches life and arthritis in a unique and positive way - helping others as well as themselves.

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- The selection committee will select one award winner in each category.
- Award winners will not be announced prior to the event, however, all nominees will be notified.
- Nominees will be contacted and advised of their nomination and advised to attend.
- Each nominee will be allowed two guests.
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PORTRAIT OF A HERO NOMINATION FORM

Nominations open August 16, 2010; Nominations close at 4:00 p.m., October 1, 2010.

All completed nomination forms should be emailed to info@ab.arthritis.ca.

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Information: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of arthritis (if any): _____

Years since diagnosis (if confirmed by physician): _____

Nominated by: _____

Contact Information: Phone: _____ Email: _____

What category are you nominating him/her for? Check One:

- Health/Allied Professional
- Volunteer
- Youth
- Adult

Should your nominee be chosen, will you be available to present the award? Yes No

Reasons for Nomination: (150 words or less)

Efforts on behalf of people affected by arthritis: _____

How is the nominee involved in the community or what are the nominee's major achievements? _____

How is this person involved with The Arthritis Society? _____

Do you believe the nominee will be willing to tell his/her story to the media?

Yes ___ No ___ Unsure ___

Thank you for your nomination.