Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association's Volunteer Award 2017 Inauguration

<u>Purpose of the Award:</u>

The Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association's (CHNA) Volunteer Awards would recognize members of our Association and residents of our community whose exceptional volunteer efforts have contributed to the liveability of our neighbourhood and the well-being of fellow CH residents.

Through this award, CHNA also hopes to inspire others to volunteer and generate additional, creative ideas for improving our community.

To be inaugurated in 2017, this award would be CHNA's contribution to Canada 150.

Award criteria:

Nominees for this award would:

- Exemplify the spirit of participation and/or service to our community
- Demonstrate initiative, leadership, persistence and creativity
- Serve as roll models for others in our community
- Be residents of CH neighbourhood (prefereably members of CHNA)

Eligibility:

Residents of the Civic Hospital neighbourhood (preferably members of CHNA) who were living in our community on January 1st of the previous calendar year will be eligible for this award.

Members of CHNA's Executive or Board are not eligible.

Award details:

Two awards will be awarded: one for youth (19 or under) and one for adults.

Award recipients will be informed in February.

Award recipients will have their name engraved on 10-year plaques, which will be displayed at all CHNA events and (eventually) be permanently displayed at CHNA's community centre (should we ever have one!!!).

The awards will be presented annually at a special CHNA's event (cocktail party) in the spring (March or April), hosted by the CHNA President and the Kitchissippi City Councillor.

Award recipients would each receive a prize package from local businesses, such as a dinner for two from an area restaurant.

Nomination Process:

The Nomination Process would be simple:

- All nominations would include the contact information of the person or persons submitting the nomination and the resident being nominated.
- A profile or background information about the nominee should be included.
- The rationale for the nomination must be provided (250 words or less).
- Nominations would be solicited starting in September, and must be received by December 31st of each year.
- Nominations would be sent to a dedicated Award e-mail address, managed by the Head of the Selection Committee.

Selection Process:

A 5-person CHNA Committee will review and select the two Award recipients:

- A Member of CHNA's Board of Directors will head the Selection Committee.
- Two additional Board members will serve on the Committee.
- Two CHNA members who are not Members of CHNA's Board will serve on the Committee – one youth, one adult.

Promotion / Communications:

- Full communications and outreach plan to be developed.
- Communications plans to include linkages with local schools, to encourage the participation of community-minded young people.

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