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Unsung Heroes Award and Celebration 2011

Call for Nominations

The Unsung Hero

"Unsung Heroes" are ordinary people who have done extraordinary things and whose contributions within "social profit organizations," (otherwise known as non-profits) deserve to be better known, more fully appreciated and publicly applauded – because they will inspire the rest of us.

The Unsung Hero Award

This annual award acknowledges and celebrates the work of one of many deserving citizens within BC's Capital Region whose impact in the community over time reflects the common values and principles of the sponsoring organizations - the First Unitarian Church of Victoria and the Community Social Planning Council - which are listed on the next page.

The Celebration

The Unsung Hero Award will be presented at a celebration dinner in March 2011 to a person within BC's Capital Region whose unusual service over time within a social profit setting reflects these values. Funds raised through the sale of 100 tickets at \$50 each are given to the social profit organization designated by the Unsung Hero.

The Nomination and Selection Process

Anyone living in BC's Capital Region may be nominated for this award but no one can propose themselves. Each nominee will have a record of active involvement within a social profit organization; that organization will provide evidence in support of the nominee. Each nominee needs at least three letters of support (including one from the designated organization) detailing the achievements that supporters believe qualifies the nominee for the award. See Nomination Package details following.

A selection panel will choose the award recipient through a review process based on the shared values listed below. When the 2011 Unsung Hero is selected, representatives from his/her designated organization will join the celebration Planning Committee.

The First Unitarian Church and Community Social Planning Council are partners in the annual presentation and celebration of this award because of their common values. *The following shared values become the basic criteria used in determining the award recipient.*

Unitarian

- ◇ The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- ◇ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- ◇ Acceptance of one another
- ◇ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- ◇ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
- ◇ The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- ◇ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are part

Community Social Planning Council

- ◇ Cooperation – working with others to build community capacity
- ◇ Understanding – addressing underlying problems and opportunities
- ◇ Participation – seeking input and involvement from the variety of voices in our community
- ◇ Inclusion – including those who experience the issues, such as living in poverty, first hand
- ◇ Sharing – sharing power, information, resources and leadership
- ◇ Action – developing practical, effective solutions

For information:

Call 250-656-0834

Before October 15, 2010, mail Nomination packages to:

First Unitarian Church of Victoria
5575 West Saanich Road, Victoria V9E 2G1

Or email to: churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca

NOMINATION PACKAGE INFORMATION for the 2011 Award

Before October 15, 2010, please submit the information requested in the following three boxes. Only completed submissions will be considered.

From the Nominator

- ▶ Personal information i.e. full name, phone, email, mailing address
- ▶ A one page statement describing how the nominee is an "Unsung Hero" (as described above)
- ▶ Three letters of support from local agencies, institutions, or businesses indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of an "Unsung Hero". One of these letters can be from the designated agency.

From the Nominee

- ▶ A signed statement acknowledging the nomination and naming the designated Agency

From the designated Agency

- ▶ A letter stating willingness to participate in the Planning Committee if their nominee is chosen for the "Unsung Heroes" award.
The degree and manner of participation will be negotiated with the Planning Committee which is composed of representatives from the Community Social Planning Council and the Unitarian Church.

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