COMMUNITY STARS

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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Sarah Catalanotto MPH, CTTS.

Overview

Thank you for your 2021 Community Star Nomination. Here is a copy of the nomination for your records. If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

State Association

Please describe your connection to the individual or organization you are nominating.

The Florida State Office of Rural Health (FORH) works closely with the Florida Rural Health Association (FRHA). The Director for the FORH serves on the board of FRHA. The two also collaborate for an annual rural health conference and conduct as well.

Please explain the individual's or organization's connection to or interaction with their State Office of Rural Health.

See above response.

The Community Star Recognition Program is designed to honor those whose contributions are making a difference in rural through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication. What do you believe to be your nominee's "star" qualities? Provide examples of how your nominee demonstrates these qualities in their work and service.

FRHA's mission is the safeguard and improve the health of rural Floridians. They strive to be the recognized unifying voice, leader, and expert on health and health care issues affecting rural Florida. FRHA provides education and information to many rural stakeholders. They also advocate for rural healthcare. Communication and collaboration are extremely important to FRHA and they strive to bring people together as they provide education and resources to them.

The 2021 Community Star Selection Committee will review and evaluate nominations, making recommendations for which stories to include in this year's book and other NRHD activities based on the following merits. Please review these and select all that apply to your nominee.

Cultivates a vital, innovative rural health landscape and infrastructure. , Develops leadership capacity to grow rural population health and health equity. , Builds capacity for rural data-driven program planning and decision making. , Contributes to rural health innovation, education, collaboration, and communication.

Describe in as much detail as possible, examples of your nominee's work and accomplishments that correspond with your selections to the question above.

The mission of FRHA is to establish, maintain, and enhance relationships and coordination among rural Floridians, rural communities, rural hospitals, County and State agencies, and strategic health alliances. They also serve as an information and research clearinghouse bringing together rural health expertise, knowledge, organizing and sharing data and best practice intelligence in meaningful and useful format. Finally, they advocate and promote the health needs of rural Florida. FRHA provides project echo session on a variety of topic including rural ems, ems leadership, palliative care, and health literacy. These sessions include expert speakers and help connect healthcare stakeholders form around the state. They also focus heavily on data and make sure to provide information that is topical and relevant. They host an annual conference and have a special session for Florida's rural health networks that helped bring the group together to share resources and best practices. In addition, they are wonderful people to work with and are obviously passionate about the work they do.

I can confirm that the individual or organization is making a difference in rural

through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication, and is located, working, or volunteering in a designated rural area.

Yes

I can confirm that I have notified the nominee of their nomination, and the nomination will be accepted.

Yes

How did you learn about the 2021 Community Star Recognition Program?

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