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## Thank you for submitting a nomination for Kelley Donham, DVM.

### 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](mailto:bcorsaro@powerofrural.org).

### Your Information

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### Community Star Nominee: (Organization)

#### **Kelley Donham, DVM**

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**Have Questions? Contact:**

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

Other

domestic nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status to engage in activities that develop and provide occupational health and safety services, education, and outreach for rural families and their employees, working in collaboration with community agencies

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

Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa (RHSEI) reached out to our department for collaboration on COVID-19 testing and vaccination. RHSEI partners with Johnson County and many other local health providers to develop and provide occupational health and safety services, education, and outreach for rural families and their employees. Dr. Donham specifically reached out to our department early on as he once sat as a Board of Health member.

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

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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.

RHSEI along with support from Mercy Hospital has provided COVID-19 testing and vaccines for our rural population through their mobile clinic.

They've provided these services at rural events and at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Through their work, they've reached portions of our population who may not have the best access to these resources and are trusted agents that work with our rural population.

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.

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.

RHSEI has provided rural COVID-19 testing at no charge and provides rural COVID-19 vaccinations at no charge or no electronic barriers. These activities align within their mission, which is: The mission of the Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa is to promote the health, safety and well-being of rural families and their employees in Eastern Iowa by serving as a trusted source for information, and by providing occupational health, safety and wellness services and education that encourage best health and safety practices.

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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