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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Kalli Dempsey.

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?

Rural Hospital

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

I have worked with Kalli Dempsey on various boards in the community. She also works in a contract role for our nonprofit (Eaton Community Health) as a neighborhood coordinator for one of our local initiatives

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

I am not sure

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.

Kalli is definitely a STAR. She is known as a connector in the community, linking people & services, organizations & resources, and individuals & opportunities. She is carrying out ongoing innovative work in a neighborhood initiative called StreetHeart, implementing minigrants to empower local residents and linking those residents' voices to the human services collaborative.

Kalli is also taking a leadership role in a grant-funded capacity building initiative for the county's collaborative council, helping to link it to health care

and to residents. And she recently became the first certified community health worker in Eaton County and takes the lead on projects like bringing mobile health clinic resources to existing events and to neighborhood locations. She is also helping the local hospital to understand opportunities for its role in population health in the local communities.

Kalli leverages social media (as well as her personal presence) to champion a positive, possibility-thinking narrative and inspires countless leaders with her energy and collaborative spirit. Her relatable style and personal life story have prepared her to be as comfortable and effective in board rooms as she is sitting with the most vulnerable in our community. She is most definitely a Community Star!

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.

Kalli's work with the StreetHeart neighborhood project focuses on neighborhood health and vitality. She is helping to implement health equity as one of the pillars of a new outcomes framework for improved health and well-being for the neighborhood project.



The neighborhood project is a pilot, to be replicated throughout the county as part of rural health innovation focused on resident health and well-being.

Kalli is one of the primary leaders linking three projects in the county: residents in the neighborhoods; the human services collaborative council; and the local hospitals. Participating in all three linked and long-range projects at the same time definitely creates an innovative rural health landscape.

Kalli has been part of the work with a consultant working with Eaton Community Health, to implement pathways to leadership, to better sustain improvements and capacity for population health and health equity. This work is in its first year and she is contributing to the thought leadership and the implementation.

Kalli is participating in a year-long project to create dashboards and outcomes frameworks for both residents and human service organizations, to improve and coordinate program planning and decision making.

Kalli is a key communicator for all of the above, because of her role and especially because of her talents. She is a passionate, energetic, and intelligent leader, a great storyteller, and lifelong learner, with a knack for collaboration and connecting people.

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.

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Yes



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

Email

Monthly bulletin from MI Center for Rural Health

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