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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Monica Cruz Zorrilla.

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?

Certified Rural Health Clinic

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

UMASH worked with HACER to promote COVID-19 vaccinations to rural Spanish speaking immigrant workers throughout Minnesota.

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

HACER coordinated with the Minnesota Department of Health which includes the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. This connection provided a Spanish hotline with COVID -19 information on testing, vaccinations and other related issues to assist immigrant workers and Spanish speaking populations within the state. Regional advisors/mentors were also available to assist these rural community members.

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.

HACER's mission is to be an influential community leader, create and control information and affect institutional and policy decisions. This is evident in the various research projects across Minnesota which include addressing the lack of physical activity in rural Latino Communities, cervical cancer screenings with uninsured Hispanic women and assessing the needs of

Latino/a leaders in urban and rural Minnesota on coronavirus information, research and vaccinations. These projects showcase HACER's commitment to the rural Latino communities in a number of health focused areas significant to improving the overall well being of this 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.

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.

As described in the various projects and research HACER conducts, we believe this organization exemplifies a strong commitment to the rural Latino population in Minnesota. HACER collaborates with local partners to implement innovative health programs and utilizes various networks to inform and distribute this important information. UMASH found partnering with HACER on COVID-19 vaccinations reached an underserved community particularly with immigrant dairy workers in Minnesota.

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



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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?

Email

Email was sent to our organizational website

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