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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Allen Hocker.

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.

Your Information

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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.

Allen is a member of the Ohio Rural Health Association (ORHA). When talking to ORHA leadership Allen's name is frequently brought up due to his innovative ideas and support for rural health across Ohio.

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

Allen works for OhioHealth Shelby Hospital which is a Critical Access Hospital which frequently participates in SORH activities.

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.

Allen lives less than 10 miles from the rural hospital which he serves. He recognizes that the great families in his community have vulnerabilities and disparities when it comes to prevention and disease. Allen also recognizes that the future progress of rural health in Ohio is based on young professionals. He is working with the Ohio Rural Health Association to develop a Young Professional's Network to help encourage the next generation to work in rural communities and to provide mentors through ORHA to help in their professional development.



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.

Allen has become a leader in rural Ohio using his experience and innovative ideas to help inspire the the next generation of public health professionals in rural Ohio.

As a member of the Ohio Rural Health Association Allen is taking on new roles and helping expand the membership and impact which the organization has. He is leading the efforts to develop an Ohio Young Professionals Network Group. The first meeting for the group will take place during the Annual Ohio Rural Health Conference. Allen uses his experience and expertise to help advance rural health initiatives in Ohio and has the vision to understand that training and developing the next generation of leaders is vital for the continued improvement throughout the state.

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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