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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Susan Orban, MSW.

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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Community Star Nominee: (Individual)

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

Rural Community Coalition

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

I am a member of the South County Children's Mental Health Advisory Board, which is one of the many advisory groups under the South County HEZ

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

RiDOH works with this organization and plans joint events with Susan.

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.

Susan spearheads many initiatives in the rural designated area of RI, consistently fighting for Children's mental health. As one of the state's Health Equity Zones, Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds brings attention to issues like childhood obesity, substance abuse, and food deserts

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.

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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.

Susan has coordinated the Washington County Coalition, a regional child advocacy organization where she organizes the children's forum, supports workgroups, and secures funding. Susan is also a Mental Health First Aid instructor and has consistently pushed for trainings all over South County. She has worked with teachers, police stations, and community organizations to get as much of the population trained as she can. Her innovation and dedication to southern Rhode Island and the mental health of all is admirable.

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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