Volunteers make a difference every day across the Upper Peninsula. In hard times and in good times, they step up to give their time, talent and resources where needed. Whether fighting a pandemic, alleviating hunger and homelessness, protecting the environment, or enriching the lives of our youth and elderly, volunteers are there to get the job done. They are the true superheroes.

Please help us recognize the outstanding volunteers in your area of the U.P. by nominating them for the 2020 U.P. Service Awards. Nominations are sought in the categories of youth, adult and senior volunteers as well as volunteer program and business community leader.

Honorees will be announced in July and recognized at a luncheon program during the U.P. Nonprofit Conference in Marquette on October 22, 2020. Admission to the conference is complimentary for honorees and their guests.
Nomination Categories

**Business Community Leader Award**
This award honors for-profit businesses that go the extra mile to support their communities. Their commitment may take many forms such as corporate volunteer programs, monetary or in-kind contributions or employee-driven volunteering.

**Please provide the following information:**
2. Describe the community/charitable activities of the business and how they benefit residents.

**Please provide as much as possible:**
1. Data such as volunteer hours, number of participating employees, people served, contributions made to the community, etc. If exact numbers are not known, please indicate estimates.
2. Stories, quotes, testimonials or other information from employees or people served that illustrate the impact of the service.

**Volunteer Program Award**
This award acknowledges the importance of groups or organizations in driving volunteer activity. Nominees may be involved with a variety of activities or one issue of primary importance. Potential nominees include schools, nonprofit organizations, service clubs, faith-based organizations, national service programs or other groups.

**Please provide the following information:**
1. Brief overview of the organization or program.
2. Describe how the nominee uses volunteers to achieve its mission.

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**Awards for Individual Volunteers**

**Youth:** Filled with energy and enthusiasm, youth volunteers bring joy to those in need. It is especially important to honor young volunteers to encourage their continued efforts throughout adulthood. Nominees in this category must be under 21 years old.

**Adult:** Adult volunteers often have their hands more than full with career and family, yet they find time to help where needed. Nominate volunteers ages 21 to 64 to recognize the time they take out of their busy schedules to lend a hand.

**Senior:** Seniors have a lifetime of experience to offer as they reach out to the community around them. This award honors their continued dedication to improving the lives of others. Nominate a volunteer age 65 or older who is making a difference in their community.

**Please provide the following information:**
1. Brief biographical information about the nominee.
2. Describe the nominee’s volunteer activities and how they benefit residents.

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Email nominations to Linda Remsburg at lremsburg@glcyd.org

Or mail to

Grow & Lead: Community and Youth Development
712 Chippewa Square, Suite 200
Marquette, MI 49855

**Nominations must be received by June 12, 2020**

If you do not receive confirmation by phone or email within a week of submission, or if you have questions, contact Linda Remsburg at 906-228-8919 ext. 126 or lremsburg@glcyd.org
Nomination Cover Sheet

Materials to include with nomination:
• Nomination Cover Sheet. Please print neatly.

• Nomination Narrative. Provide one or two typed pages with the information requested under the appropriate category listed on the Nomination Categories page of this packet.

• Photos: High-quality photos of nominee(s) in action and/or head and shoulders shots for publication are requested. Prints, emailed photos or photos on CD are acceptable and will not be returned.

Award Categories
Please check one box indicating the category for which this nomination applies:

☐ Youth  ☐ Adult  ☐ Senior  ☐ Business Community Leader  ☐ Volunteer Program

Nominee
First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ____________
Phone: (_________) __________________________ Email __________________________
Nominee birthdate (if Youth, Adult or Senior) day/month/year __________________________

Nominator
Organization (if applicable) ______________________________________________________
First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ____________
Phone: (_________) __________________________ Email __________________________

Reference
Please provide a reference, other than the nominator, who is familiar with the nominee and can verify the extent of the volunteer activities. The reference may not be the nominee or a relative of the nominee.

Name: First ___________________________ Last ___________________________
Organization ______________________________________________________________
Phone: (_________) __________________________ Email __________________________