

Call for Nominations



2009 CRISSY FIELD CENTER Community Heroes Award

The Crissy Field Center, an urban environmental center, announces open nominations for its most prestigious awards program – The Community Heroes Award. This award honors the accomplishments, challenges and successes of community members who work tirelessly to preserve, protect, and raise awareness about our environment.

The Center's Community Advisors selects Community Heroes from your nominations. Heroes who are selected are honored with a ceremony at Crissy Field Center on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**, where we unveil a year-long exhibit depicting each of the honorees in life-size photographic portraits and companion digital stories that share their unique experience making positive environmental change in their communities.

Each year, the Crissy Field Center hosts approximately 60,000 visitors from around the Bay Area including youth and adults, political luminaries, environmental leaders and local celebrities – *each and every one of these visitors is greeted by the Community Heroes exhibit!*

This is an opportunity for unsung heroes and community leaders to share the limelight and receive well-deserved recognition for their valuable contributions and positive impact regarding the environment.

How Can I Help?

The Crissy Field Center is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Community Heroes Award. We are asking you to think about individuals or groups in the San Francisco Bay Area who have made a positive impact and inspired others with their single action or on-going work. If you feel their story is compelling and worthy of recognition, please sponsor their nomination for the Community Heroes Awards Program by completing the enclosed form.

There can be no Community Heroes without you! Help us acknowledge the heroes among us and submit a nomination. Tell us about the work they have done, are currently doing and why they should be recognized.

Nominations must be received no later than Monday, December 1, 2008

Who are Community Hero?

Community Heroes are people from all over the Bay Area and from all walks of life. They come from all races, ethnic backgrounds and age groups, working in common to protect, restore, and raise awareness for the environmental issues that are relevant to their communities. Many are engaged in grass-roots activism, others work on legislation, and several are educators. Many call themselves volunteers, while others have built careers working in the environmental movement.

Whatever their approach, methodology, or position, they all fit one very important criterion: their work has made a positive impact on the community and has inspired others to get involved and make a difference. Previous Community Heroes include:

Youth United for Community Action (YUCA), a grassroots organization created, led, and run by young people in East Palo Alto. After a twenty-year battle, YUCA successfully shut down operations of Romic Environmental Technologies—a recycler of toxic chemical waste—which had been operating without a permit and jeopardizing the health of the neighborhood residents.

Founder, **Barbara Wenger** and members of the **Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group**, who transformed a dilapidated Koshland Park, frequented by drug-dealers and prostitutes to a lush tree-lined oasis—with outdoor education programs—for the entire neighborhood.

Robert Pinkard, owner of Surfside Liquors located in the Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco, was the first store owner in his neighborhood to stock fresh produce in an effort to help residents access healthy and nutritious food.

For information about the award contact Michele Gee at (415)561-7751 or mgee@parksconservancy.org

For an online application form (pdf) and to view previous heroes stories go to www.crissyfield.org and click on Community Heroes 2009.

The Crissy Field Center is a partnership project of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service. For more information about the Crissy Field Center go to www.crissyfield.org

**Crissy Field Center
2009 Community Heroes Award
Nomination Form**

Guidelines: The nomination consists of two parts, the form and narrative. Only complete nominations will be considered. **Submit nominations in person, by postal mail, fax or email to:**

Attention: Community Heroes Award
Crissy Field Center
603 Mason St., Presidio
San Francisco, CA 94129-0410
Email: mgee@parksconservancy.org
Phone: (415) 561-7751
Fax: (415) 561-7695

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NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

If this is a group nomination, please include the name of the group and 1-2 individual contact names.

Title/Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website (if any): _____

Age: 18 and Under 19-30 31-54 55 plus

Racial/Ethnic Background: _____ Male Female

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Title/Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website (if any): _____

REFERENCES:

Provide two references, other than yourself, who are familiar with your nominee’s work and can be contacted for more information if needed.

Name: _____

Title/Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website (if any): _____

Name: _____

Title/Organization (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website (if any): _____

NARRATIVE:

Please submit a narrative providing a description of the work your hero(es) has done and why you believe they deserve this award. Please keep your responses to a maximum of two type-written, double spaced pages using 12-point font. Use your own words to express your responses. Do not cut and paste from a website. Do not provide supporting materials, e.g., articles, videotapes, etc. If we need more information, we will request it.

In the narrative please answer the following questions:

- How has this person or team positively impacted the environment?
- How long has this person or team been working on addressing environmental issues and problems?
- How has this person or team demonstrated leadership in working with others from the community?
- How has this person or team inspired others and what was the result?
- Why should this person or team be given the Community Hero Award?