

## Billi Odegaard Public Health Genius Awards 2009 Nomination Guidelines

*Nomination Deadline: August 28, 2009*

For the fifth consecutive year, Community Health Partnership will honor exceptional community health performance by presenting monetary awards to individuals and the community health charity or organization of their choice. The top prize is the GENIUS AWARD. Other awards include the Exceptional Achievement and Meritorious Service. Each award is split, with half of the amount given to the award recipient and the other half given to the community health organization or charity of the recipient's choice. For brief bios on the 2008 Genius Award recipients, please visit [www.communityhealthpartnership.org](http://www.communityhealthpartnership.org).

### PURPOSE:

Community Health Partnership is committed to recognizing and honoring the outstanding Oregonians who are working to improve the health of the public. In addition to honoring past achievement, the awards are intended to recognize the potential contributions of the recipients. Honorees will receive awards based upon demonstrated impact, originality, insight and the ability to create lasting change.

The honorees will demonstrate innovation and responsiveness in improving the health of the public. Their work will be distinguished by creativity, risk-taking and boldness in forging collaborative solutions to public health problems. The GENIUS AWARDS are intended to acknowledge those whose work embodies the spirit of compassion, dedication, achievement and commitment to improving the public's health, stimulating others to strive toward these high standards of excellence.

### CRITERIA:

The nominees must be Oregon residents whose primary work is related to improving the health of the public in areas such as:

- Public Health Service
- Environmental Health services and/or policy
- Disease Prevention, Wellness and Health Promotion
- Improving health and reducing health disparities of underserved/vulnerable populations
- Improving local or statewide policy that improves the health of communities/populations

### NOMINATION PROCESS:

Any individual or organization may submit a nomination. Nominations from every part of Oregon are encouraged. An independent committee will select the recipients of the 2009 Public Health Genius Awards. All nominees will be notified of the committee's decision no later than September 18, 2009. Please submit the following to nominate an individual:

1. A summary of the nominee's principal contributions to improving the health of the public and his/her potential to create lasting change. The work must be "above and beyond" simply doing a great job at their day-to-day work. Do not exceed four typed pages or 1,000 words (double-spaced; minimum 12-point type size).
2. Provide complete contact information, including name, address, phone/fax number and e-mail address of the nominee and nominator.
3. Provide three letters of support from persons who are knowledgeable about the nominee and can offer additional, specific insight about the nominee's contributions in improving the public's health.

*Award Recipients will be honored at the Community Health Partnership Public Health Genius Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 16, 2009.*