

Call for Entries



2009 MHHA Excellence in Practice Awards

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Morningside Heights Care Center, Marshall

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2008 Excellence in Practice Award Winners



**Patrick Holicky, Jodi Brown, MHHA Board Chair
Pat Vincent and MHHA Awards Chair Nancy Stratman**
Minnesota Valley Health Care Center, LeSueur

**Dave Simondet, Lori Palmer Norheim
and Robin Theis**
St. Benedict's Senior Community, St. Cloud

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Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance's housing and nursing home members are continually setting standards of excellence, demonstrating superior achievements and developing innovative programs that help older people in their communities. For 15 years, MHHA has recognized these members for their outstanding efforts through the Excellence in Practice (EIP) program. MHHA is pleased to announce this "Call for Entries" for the EIP program for 2009.

Note that entries chosen to receive awards will be shared with MHHA members via a presentation at the 2009 Institute for Older Adult Services Feb. 11-13, 2009. Please note that members who submit a winning EIP are also expected to present it in a concurrent educational session of its own during the 2009 Institute. This is a great way to share your best practice and help other providers grow professionally and better serve their customers. Winners also will be featured in multimedia presentations during a General Session at the Institute.

PURPOSE

The EIP program was developed to provide MHHA members with an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments. Two key areas of focus for the EIP awards are direct services (such as social services, therapy services, recreation/activities services, nursing, pastoral services, etc.) and support services (such as transportation, nutritional services, communications, business office, physical plant, environmental services, etc.). There is a continuing interest as well in how you are using assistive technologies. **Members are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for programs that demonstrate excellence and that have attained measurable results.**

REVIEW PROCESS

Members of MHHA's 2008-09 Awards Committee will review all EIP award entries. Please keep in mind that the judges will make their decisions based on your executive summary, which should answer the questions listed on the entry form. MHHA judges will review the entries and select the recipients in August. **There is no limit to the number of EIP entries each member may submit.**

RECIPIENT RECOGNITION

EIP award recipients will be asked to showcase their accomplishment at the 2009 MHHA Institute for Older Adult Services Feb. 11-13, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. All recipients will be honored during the Institute along with other MHHA Award recipients and highlighted in concurrent education programming. MHHA prepares and distributes news releases about winning entries to your local media. These news releases and accompanying photos will be posted on www.mhha.com and are appropriate for your use in newsletters.

Showcase Your Good Work!

2009 MHHA Excellence In Practice Awards Call for Entries - Application Form

In addition to this entry form, all Excellence in Practice (EIP) entries must include an executive summary of approximately 600 words describing your EIP program. You may submit supporting materials as well. Keep in mind your executive summary must show measurable results and must answer the questions identified in that section below. Please also keep in mind that supporting materials must be easily duplicated so they can be sent to judges.

Please type or print all information requested. Duplicate this form for multiple entries. **Deadline for submittal is Friday, July 11, 2008.** Do not fax your entry.

Name of Person Submitting: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State MN Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Intended Audience for Institute program: (i.e., administrators, housing managers, nursing, activities, etc.)

Attachments to my entry are:

- Executive Summary (required)
 - ▶ What is your EIP program?
 - ▶ Why was this program developed (specific goals you wanted to achieve)?
 - ▶ Were there any financial implications for starting this program? (What were your start up costs and what does it cost to continue the program)?
 - ▶ What was your actual outcome vs. your expected outcome? (Explain which goals were achieved and which were not. Were there unexpected outcomes that benefited the people affected by this program)?
 - ▶ What is the potential for others to replicate this program?
 - ▶ What evidence could others observe to understand how this program has benefited your facility, residents/tenants and/or your community?
- Supporting Materials (optional)

Please complete this application form and return it
along with your executive summary by **Friday, July 11**, to:

MHHA
Attention: Bill Floyd
2550 University Avenue West
Suite 350 South
St. Paul MN 55114-1900

For questions or more information, call Bill Floyd at 651-645-4545 or 800-462-5368.

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MHHA's Spring Awards call for nominations.

