

**Champions for Better Health Awards**

**2025 Nomination Form**

**Purpose**

The Partnership for Better Health’s ***Champions for Better Health Awards*** recognize distinguished health equity advocates in our service area. Leaders can represent a multiplicity of backgrounds and industries that play a vital role in advancing the health and wellness of our region. Community members are invited to nominate local champions whose work and service makes our community a healthy place for everyone to live, learn, work and play.

**Requirements to be Nominated**

**Focus Area:** The work or service of successful nominees will demonstrate a substantial commitment to addressing health equity and ensuring that all people have the chance to enjoy healthy lives.

**Region:** All nominees must reside, volunteer, and/or serve in the Partnership for Better Health’s geographic region, which includes Perry County, parts of Adams and Cumberland Counties, and the Shippensburg Area. Click here for a map of our [service area](http://www.forbetterhealthpa.org/what-we-do/grants/service-area).

**Timeframe**: Nominations are welcomed from projects, activities, and initiatives that are ongoing, or ended within the last year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025).

**Recognition Categories**

**Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Awards** – honors local organizations who champion the SDOH in their work. Awards may be given for one or more SDOH categories:

* **Economic Stability** (e.g. income and employment status; poverty and food insecurity; access to affordable housing)
* **Educational Access and Quality** (e.g. educational attainment level; access to quality education; health literacy)
* **Healthcare Access and Quality** (e.g. health insurance coverage; access to healthcare services; quality of healthcare received)
* **Neighborhood and Built Environment** (e.g. safety and crime rates; access to green spaces and parks; quality of housing and infrastructure)
* **Social and Community Context** (e.g. social support networks; community cohesion; discrimination and social exclusion)

Nominees for the SDOH Awards will be reviewed using the following criteria:

1. Evidence of impactful programs and/or services that responsively meet the health needs of individuals in the community by focusing interventions on one or more SDOH.
2. Demonstrated commitment to collaborate with others and/or serve in a leadership role to build healthy communities by addressing one or more SDOH.
3. Dedicated commitment to improve the lives of people whose life circumstances make them vulnerable to poor health, and to centering individuals with lived experience by valuing their expertise and incorporating individuals with diverse backgrounds in strategic development and decision-making.

**Heather Swartz Volunteer Award** – honors an individual or family who demonstrates exceptional leadership skills in their volunteer activities and plays a major role in advancing the health and wellness of our region. Nominees will be reviewed using the following criteria:

* Evidence of quality leadership and organizational abilities.
* Time, effort, and personal commitment to volunteerism that advances health and health equity, especially among vulnerable populations.
* Demonstrated ability to recruit and motivate others in their commitment to volunteerism.

**Nonprofit Professional Award** – honors outstanding health professionals or other individuals who have played a vital role in advancing the health and wellness of our region. Examples include but are not limited to physicians, clinicians, teachers, nonprofit/community leaders and elected officials. Nominees will be evaluated using the following criteria:

* Evidence of career achievements, length and tenure of commitment to health issues.
* Experience, leadership, creativity and involvement in advancing the health and wellness of our region.
* A commitment to improving the lives of people whose life circumstances make them vulnerable to poor health.
* Demonstrated commitment to continuing professional development and growth (e.g., membership in professional organizations and/or volunteer service)

**Community Health Champion Award** – honors an organization or individual who, through encouragement and motivation of others, takes a leadership role in advancing the health and wellness of our region. This may be awarded to an outstanding business, corporation, for-profit firm, government agency, association, health professional, elected official, or individual, and is not intended to include nonprofit professionals and volunteers. Nominees may be evaluated using the following criteria:

* Direct investment of time and/or resources in advancing the health and wellness of our region.
* Demonstrated leadership in building community support for health services, programs, or strategies.
* Support of nonprofit organizations benefiting the lives of community members vulnerable to poor health.
* Use of innovative approaches that inspire employees or others to engage in wellness activities through the workplace. Demonstrated track record of workplace wellness investments.

**Lived Experience Award** – honors an individual whose lived experience has greatly impacted work in our community and/or an organization who centered people with lived experience over the past year. Nominees will be reviewed using the following criteria:

* For individuals: time, effort, and commitment to advance health in our community through sharing their voice and wisdom.
* For organizations: the extent to which individuals with diverse backgrounds are valued and engaged in strategic development, guiding work, and decision-making to advance health in our community.



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**Nomination Deadline: Friday, August 29, 2025**

**Date of Event: Thursday, October 23, 2025 (5-7 PM)**

**Please Review Before Completing Form**

**We are thrilled that you have decided to offer a nomination for the Champions for Better Health Awards. Our organization is proud to recognize individuals and organizations that are helping people and communities reach their highest potential for health. Please provide an insightful, detailed, and clear description of the nominee’s qualifications and positive impacts toward advancing health in our community. Nominations should tell a story! Again, thank you for your submission to the 2025 Champions for Better Health Awards.**

**Our Champions for Better Health Awards Selection Committee will review all nominations and bestow awards to nominees within one or more categories.**

**Nominator’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Name (individual or organization):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If nominating an individual, please describe the primary role relevant to this nomination:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Nonprofit Employee (add title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe below)

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LinkedIn Profile (optional): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete section below or attach additional pages if more space is needed**

***Note: Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are the structural factors and conditions that affect everyone’s health. Social determinants of health include socioeconomic status, the environment, neighborhood safety, social support networks, and access to resources to meet daily needs, such as safe housing and healthy foods.***

**Suggested Award Cateogry (optional)**

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**Social Determinants of Health Awards**

**Heather Swartz Volunteer Award**

**Nonprofit Professional Award**

**Community Health Champion Award**

**Lived Experience Award**

**Major Contributions**

How has the nominee demonstrated an outstanding commitment through their work or volunteerism to advance Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health within our community?

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**Advancing Health**

As a result, how has the community and population served benefited?

How have their actions improved the lives of people whose life circumstances make them vulnerable to poor health, and/or centered individuals with lived experience?

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**Additional Comments about the Nominee**

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**Letter of Recommendation [Optional]**

Consider including a letter of recommendation with this application; email directly to Antonia Price ([antonia@forbetterhealthpa.org](mailto:antonia@forbetterhealthpa.org)).

**Photo [Recommended]**

Attach a photo of the individual and/or their organization’s work in the community.

**Reference**

Please share contact information for one reference who can speak to the nominee’s accomplishments.

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Applications are due by Friday, August 29, 2025**

Please email, mail, or fax your completed nomination form to:

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