

United Way of Southwest Alabama 2018 *Heart of Gold* Community Volunteer Awards Nomination Guidelines

Deadline is Thursday, March 9, 2018

OVERVIEW

The engagement of the hundreds of individuals who volunteer with us each year is critical to the success of both United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) and its 48 partner agencies. Last year, the work of these volunteers was valued at more than a half a million dollars—money that was invested in programs and services that addressed our communities' needs.

In 2017, UWSWA is proud to honor its volunteers with the **Heart of Gold Award**, which recognizes up to four volunteers in four of UWSWA's counties—Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, and Washington—for their dedication and service.

One volunteer (an individual or company) in each of UWSWA's four Building Blocks may be recognized in the Mobile's Volunteer Awards event in May for their work in:

- Education
- Health
- Financial Stability
- Essentials

CATEGORIES

Individuals or companies may be nominated in one of the following categories:

- **Education:** Volunteer(s) invested their time in birth through age 18 education activities, programs, or services that may improve the chance of high school graduation, and being college and career ready
- **Health:** Volunteer(s) invested their time in activities, programs, or services that promote health and wellness, including prevention, intervention, and health maintenance
- **Financial Stability:** Volunteer(s) invested their time in activities, programs, or services that foster more financially stable, economically self-sufficient individuals and families
- **Essentials:** Volunteer(s) invested their time in activities, programs, or services that ensure our citizens' basic needs are met

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominee volunteer activities must benefit, but are not limited to, a United Way of Southwest Alabama partner agency within Mobile, Choctaw, Clarke, or Washington counties
OR
- Volunteer service must be connected, but is not limited, to United Way of Southwest Alabama via one of its programs or outreach efforts

NOMINATION

- Education
 - Health
 - Financial Stability
 - Essentials
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Name of Nominee (as they'd like it to appear in print)

Nominee`s Address

Nominee`s Phone

Nominee`s E-mail

County: ___ Mobile ___ Choctaw ___ Clarke ___ Washington

Provide a brief description of your nominee's volunteer activity in the past year. Why was it outstanding and deserving of an award?

Describe how the volunteer activity supports the Building Block checked above and furthers UWSWA's mission in this area.

What was the nominee's impact on community and/or the individuals served?

Please share any additional information about your nominee that you feel supports his/her nomination (i.e., special skills, commitment, passion, qualities, challenges faced and overcome, etc.).

Name of Nominator :

Nominator's Company, Agency, or other organization affiliation:

Nominator Contact Information (e-mail and phone) :

Please return you nominations form to **Leslie Schraeder**: LSchraeder@uwswa.org or fax to **251-431-0120**. If you have questions, Leslie can be reached at 251-433-3624.

Nominations must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9th.

Thank you!