2025 Inspiration Awards Guidance

Submit your nomination at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025InspirationAwards

To be considered for one of our 2025 Inspiration Awards, your nomination needs to contain the following items:

1. **Nominator (*individual making the nomination*)**: Name, organization, phone number and email address.
2. **Nominee (*individual being considered for an award*)**: Name, organization, phone number and email address.
3. **Select ONE of the following categories**:
   - INCREDIBLE YOUTH: An individual 20 years old and under who has demonstrated resiliency when faced with a high level of adversity
   - TRAILBLAZING ACHIEVER: An individual 21 years old or older who has actively and successfully shown courage, determination, and persistence in their recovery journey.
   - INSPIRING ADVOCATE: An individual, team or group that has demonstrated exceptional advocacy for mental wellness and recovery. Nominees can include mental health professionals, community partners, and family members.
   - PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: A professional who is committed to serving individuals touched by mental illness and is an inspiration to the local behavioral health community.
   - THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME: The There's No Place Like Home Award recognizes excellence in residential care for consumers – including foster homes, board and cares, room and boards, and sober living environments – that have demonstrated superior standards in meeting the daily needs of clients.
4. My nominee deserves this award because….
   a. This is a free text box, meaning the text box does NOT have a word limit.
   b. The following questions are NOT required but are here to provide guidance.
      - How has the nominee demonstrated perseverance when faced with challenges?
      - Give an example of how the nominee has worked toward their behavioral health or recovery goals.
      - Give examples of how the nominee has shown courage, determination, and persistence in their recovery journey.
      - How has the nominee advocated for behavioral health wellness and recovery in the community? *(Inspiring Advocate, There's no Place Like Home, or Professional of the Year).*
      - How has the nominee shown cultural awareness/competency in their advocacy? *(Inspiring Advocate or Professional of the Year).*
      - How has the nominee demonstrated efforts to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness in their community? *(Inspiring Advocate, There's no Place Like Home, or Professional of the Year).*
      - How does the nominee show knowledge, professional ethics, and collaborative skills in their work? *(Inspiring Advocate, There's no Place Like Home, or Professional of the Year).*
      - How does this home support the recovery vision of the behavioral health community? *(Inspiring Advocate, There's no Place Like Home, or Professional of the Year).*
5. Submit an *AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE/EXCHANGE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION* (*CONSUMERS ONLY*)
6. Notified the nominee(s) of this nomination and the content of this submission.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5 pm Thursday, April 10, 2025