



LA CASA DE AMISTAD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

“HUMANITY KNOWS NO BORDERS” AWARD

The “HUMANITY KNOWS NO BORDERS” award is a humanitarian award that will be presented at our Fiesta Michiana celebration on Friday, August 14th, 2009.

This award came from La Casa de Amistad's need to seek out attention and accord recognition to persons, companies, organizations, churches, and/or agencies that have demonstrated outstanding public service and selfless deeds of a humanitarian nature that go beyond the normal call of duty, specifically and closely dealing with the immigrant and/or Hispanic/Latino community. The award honors humanitarian acts and deeds that would otherwise go unrecognized and in the process, hopes to promote humanitarian principles and values that reach beyond borders in serving persons regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, and/or immigration status.

*This is a non-political award in that it provides awareness to the continued need of compassionate services to all human beings. Last years award recipient was **Gregorio Chavez**.*

Attached is a nomination form please fill out form following the criteria described below, and return to our office by July 17th, 2009.

Criteria: A person and/or group must have demonstrated one or more of the following acts/deeds consistently:

- a. A courageous deed involving personal self-sacrifice/going beyond the call of duty in the name of humanity and/or charity
- b. A commitment to serving others demonstrated by an act or acts of selfless service
- c. A generosity of spirit and a dedication resulting in the betterment of people in need (defined as needing shelter, food, clothing, education and/or spiritual encouragement)
- d. A meritorious direct "hands-on" participation in an act or operation of a charitable or humanitarian nature directly benefiting an individual or groups of individuals or community
- e. Through outstanding involvement and dedication, have made a significant contribution of volunteer leadership or service which has improved or enriched the lives of others and the welfare of humanity and society as a whole
- f. An act of kindness done without expectation of reward that has resulted in recognition by members of a community/family/institution



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I. Nominee Information

Name: _____

Are you nominating an individual and/or an Organization: _____

Contact Information of Nominee:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

If nominating an organization, please list person(s) pivotal in the work.

| Name: | Phone: | E-mail: |
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(Use other page if necessary)

II. Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

* Please list one other person to contact for additional information on nominated person. _____

III. Reason for Nomination

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.
Remember: the most important thing is “to tell the story” of your nominee and relate it to the criteria attached.

- 1) Please provide us an understanding of WHY the individual or organization is being nominated.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- * Why is the individual or organization’s achievement significant and deserving of recognition?
- * What characteristics make this individual or organization noteworthy?
- * Is or was there an issue, problem, or situation that was successfully addressed; or is it a work in progress?

- 2) Action Steps that were taken.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- * How was leadership exemplified?
- * Describe collaborative efforts, if there were any.
- * How are the steps beyond the normal duties of the person or organizations job description and/or mission?

- 3) Results of the Achievement

FOR EXAMPLE:

- * What impact did the action/deed have on the community?
- * How did the achievement promote humanitarian principles and values that reach beyond borders in serving persons regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, and/or immigration status.

Return nomination form and “Story” to:

**HKNB Award Committee
La Casa de Amistad, INC.
746 South Meade St.
South Bend, IN 46619**

Or

**Fax to:
(574) 233-2234**