

Women with Purpose - Mary Sheffield Award

Description

The Mary Sheffield Award is presented annually to recognize the outstanding work of a woman in our community who has provided exceptional service, achievement and leadership in addressing homelessness and poverty in Toronto. In 1886, Mary Sheffield addressed poverty and homelessness by setting up programs for orphans and unemployed boys/youth. This became Fred Victor Mission, and is today, Fred Victor, a multi-service, non-profit organization that provides more than 20 different programs and services to homeless and low-income Torontonians and is staffed by 160 employees and 200 volunteers.

Nomination Submission Guidelines:

- Nominations must be completed online at <http://www.fredvictor.org/mary-sheffield-award>
- A photo of the nominee must be uploaded with the submission.
- All nomination questions must be completed.
- Finalists must supply a two-minute video telling us why they (the candidate) is a woman of purpose. This is for phase two of the adjudication process only.

Eligible Nominees:

- Live and work, or operate a business/organization within the Greater Toronto Area
- Are available to attend the awards ceremony on March 8, 2012
- Satisfy the nomination criteria for her award category and answer all questions
- Intend to continue her leadership and volunteer initiatives in the Greater Toronto community to help eliminate homelessness and poverty
- Provide a minimum two-paragraph, written snapshot outlining the work she does with homeless people or people living in poverty

Categories

Young Women — Age 15 - 25 years

Women must be between 15 – 25 years of age as of October 15, 2011 and have a minimum of one year of service in the area of homelessness or poverty either through advocacy, building awareness or volunteer initiatives.

Full-stride Women — Age 26+ years

Women must be 26 years or older, and have a minimum of three years of service in the area of homelessness or poverty either through advocacy, building awareness or volunteer initiatives.

Nomination Criteria

A woman with purpose, a Mary Sheffield Award nominee, inspires individual and social change. She has achieved outstanding success by:

- Making a difference in her community by volunteering and/or providing leadership addressing the effects of homelessness and poverty in the GTA
- Showing vision, creativity and initiative by setting goals for future social change around homelessness and poverty in the GTA

Nomination Criteria Questions

- What inspired you or your nominee to work on issues of homelessness and poverty?
- How have you or your nominee been a change agent, (someone who has dedicated herself to making a difference), for homelessness and poverty in the GTA? Which causes do you or does she work for? Which tasks or roles were you or is she responsible for?
- How specifically do you or your nominee demonstrate commitment to addressing the effects of homelessness and poverty in the GTA for the future? (Give some long term goals.)

Deadline for Phase One Submissions

Friday, February 10, 2012

Phase Two Submissions

Friday, February 17, 2012. The three short-listed nominees in each category will submit a two-minute video. More details to follow.

Winners to be Announced

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ceremony

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Fred Victor Women Strut for Women event . Watch website for details.

Award Type

A \$500 cash award to be given to your charity of choice