



2008 Pyramid Awards

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions to Our Community

Deadline Passed 2009 Application to be posted in July 2009

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is now accepting nominations for the **2008 Pyramid Awards for Excellence in Leadership** through **September 16, 2008**. The Awards will be presented at the Eighth Annual Leadership and Awards Conference on November 5, 2008.

About the Awards

The Pyramid Awards for Excellence are designed to recognize the essential value of our region's nonprofit sector. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is pleased to recognize commanding contributions by nonprofit organizations in five areas: **Collaboration, Diversity, Governance, Leadership, and Vision**.

- ◆ Pyramid Awards for Collaboration, Diversity, and Vision are presented to a NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.
- ◆ Pyramid Award for Governance is presented to a GOVERNING BOARD of a NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.
- ◆ The Pyramid Award for Leadership is presented to an INDIVIDUAL.

Each of the recipients will receive a commemorative and financial award and will be recognized during a luncheon presentation at the CNPE Annual Conference on November 5, 2008.

A Brief Description of Awards Categories

THE PYRAMID AWARD FOR COLLABORATION

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. –John Ruskin

This award honors two or more **nonprofit organizations** that have:

- σ developed a common vision and shared values
- σ addressed training, team building, and power sharing issues
- σ generated outcomes that were improved by the collaboration
- σ realized savings through collaboration

Previous recipients Art of Collaboration

Bridgepointe Services & Goodwill of Southern Indiana and Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Center (2007)
Scott County Partnership (2006)
Gallapalozza, Operation Brightside, & Louisville Metro (2005)
Family and Children First: Child Advocacy Center (2004)
Louisville Asset Building Coalition (2003)
Eviction Prevention Advocates Group (2002)

THE PYRAMID AWARD FOR DIVERSITY

If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. –John F Kennedy

This award honors a **nonprofit organization** that has:

- σ defined ways in which multicultural participation within the organization or among program participants have fostered better outcomes.
- σ embraced diversity in its staff and clients
- σ generated strength through diversity in governance and service

Previous Recipients Art of Diversity

Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry (2007)
World Affairs Council (2006)
Jewish Family & Vocational Service (2005)
Center for Women and Families (2004)
Juneteenth Legacy Theatre (2003)
Kentuckiana Minority Suppliers Development Council (KMSDC) (2002)

THE PYRAMID AWARD FOR GOVERNANCE

Everyone has the power for greatness - not for fame, but greatness, because greatness is determined by service. -Martin Luther King

This award honors the **Board of Directors of an organization** who have:

- σ displayed an outstanding level of participation and partnership with their organization
- σ provided active oversight of mission, planning and program outcomes
- σ contributed toward financial health of the organization

Previous Recipients Art of Governance

Brightside Inc. (2007)
Big Brothers Big Sisters (2006)
River City Housing (2005)
Actors Theatre of Louisville (2004)
Brooklawn (2003)
Home of the Innocents (2002)
Metro United Way - Board of Directors (2001)

THE PYRAMID AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

The great leaders are like the best conductors - they reach beyond the notes to reach the magic in the players. -Blaine Lee

This award honors an **individual** who has demonstrated the:

- σ capacity to make mission and value consistent decisions
- σ capacity to rally people
- σ ability to maximize the potential of staff and volunteers
- σ ability to achieve mission consistent results

Previous Recipients Art of Leadership

Kathy Beam, Meredith-Dunn School (2007)
Roland R. Blahnik, President & CEO Goodwill Industries (2006)
Edgardo Mansilla, Executive Director, Americana Community Center (2005)
Denise Watts-Wilson, LIGHT Center for Family Enrichment (2004)
Joe Gliessner, Executive Director, New Directions Housing Corp (2003)
Lynnie Meyer, President & CEO, Center for Women and Families (2002)

THE PYRAMID AWARD FOR VISION

Be the change you want to see in the world. - Ghandi

This award honors a **nonprofit organization** that has:

- σ developed a collective vision that inspired action
- σ connected that vision to mission and/or to community priorities
- σ demonstrated the community benefits of that mission

Previous recipients Art of Vision

Women 4 Women and Teach Kentucky (2007)
The Healing Place (2006)
Habitat for Humanity (2005)
Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana (2004)
Youth Build Louisville (2003)
Henry Heuser Hearing Institute, Home of the Deaf Oral School (2002)

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Note: To nominate a candidate for one or more Pyramid Award(s), please complete sections 1-3 of the Narrative Information (below) and attach a short summary about the reasons the person or organization should receive the award. Attachments should be no longer than three pages in length. CNPE's awards committee will select recipients.

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence Awards Committee welcomes nominations of organizations that reflect the broad spectrum of the independent sector in the types of services provided and constituencies served.

- σ The achievements of the candidate organization should include relatively recent occurrences.
- σ Nominated organizations/individuals must be nonprofit organizations and Center for Nonprofit Excellence members.
- σ Organizations may self-nominate, or be nominated by a third party.
- σ The total length of the nomination narrative should not exceed three pages nor use a font smaller than twelve-point.
- σ The committee will base its decision **primarily on the information provided in the narrative.**

Award for Excellence in Leadership Application Format

Note: Nominations are due by 5 PM via regular mail or by email.

Narrative Information- Please submit a **brief** narrative that includes the following information:

1. Nominee:

- σ Name of Nominated Organizations/ Individuals
- σ Contact Person
- σ Address
- σ City/ State/ Zip
- σ (Area Code) Telephone
- σ (Area Code) Fax
- σ E-mail

2. Nominator:

- σ Name of Nominator
- σ Affiliation/Relationship to Nominee
- σ Address
- σ City/ State/ Zip
- σ (Area Code) Telephone
- σ (Area Code) Fax
- σ E-mail

3. Nominated for award in the following category:

- σ Collaboration (organizations)
- σ Diversity (organization)
- σ Vision (organization)
- σ Governance (organization)
- σ Leadership (individual)

4. Organization Mission, Program Description and Goals- Include information about geographic area served and nature/size of constituency.

5. Reason for Nomination- Refer to the criteria for the award for which you are nominating this organization. How does this nomination meet the criteria? Include key individuals and other collaborators who are involved? Please give specific examples.

6. Direct Impact- Refer to the criteria for the award for which you are nominating this organization. What is the direct impact on the organization's clients/constituency? What are other outcomes as a result of the nominated organization's efforts?

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY September 15, 2008.

Send To: Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Re: Pyramid Awards
323 W. Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202

The NOMINEE and NOMINATOR will be notified about award outcomes.