

## 2018 Annual HOPES Award

The **HOPES Award** is given annually at the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference to an individual or organization who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to suicide prevention. The award gets its name from HOPES-Helping Others Prevent and Educate About Suicide, an organization of suicide loss survivors which set the standard for such dedication through their leadership of Wisconsin suicide prevention efforts over a 19 year period.

### **PROCESS**

Any interested party may nominate an individual or organization whose primary suicide prevention efforts have impacted residents of Wisconsin. The ideal candidates will meet the following criteria:

- The individual or organization has demonstrated significant achievements in advancing suicide prevention in their own community for at least 5 years.
- The individual has also utilized their experience and expertise in promoting suicide prevention beyond their local community. Examples might be through providing trainings at conferences and events in other communities or for a statewide audience; providing consultation on evidence-based or best practices to groups from other communities; participating in advocacy or public education efforts beyond their local community.
- The work of the individual or organization has demonstrably impacted suicide prevention at the local and/or state level. This may be demonstrated through outcomes data from specific projects the individual or organization has spearheaded; through the expansion of evidence-based or best practices for suicide prevention across Wisconsin; or through the creation and dissemination of educational/information products.

**The awardee must be able to attend the PSW Conference on April 13, 2018 and the individual or one representative from an agency receiving the award will receive one complimentary conference registration.**

Please complete and submit the Nomination Form by **March 2, 2018** to:

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Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Nominations will be reviewed and selected by a team of individuals including representatives from the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Steering Committee and one individual with expertise in suicide prevention from outside of Wisconsin.

# HOPES Award: Nomination Form

## Individual or Organization Being Nominated:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Individual Making the Nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Narrative (not to exceed two pages): Reasons why this individual/organization deserves the award:

- Include detailed information that relates to the above criteria;
- Identify specific initiatives and projects they have been involved in that speak to their impact on the local and state level;
- Speak to why this individual's/organization's efforts represent the "exceptional dedication" embodied in the HOPES Award.
- Confirm that the nominee or one representative from the nominee's organization will be able to attend the PSW Conference to receive the award.