

## Criteria for the CHERI Child Advocacy Award

### Preamble

The CHERI Child Advocacy Award is awarded to a person who, over a long period of time, has exemplified outstanding commitment to the health, welfare and/or development of children. The purpose of the Award is to recognise individuals who have committed themselves to improving children's lives. Of special interest are people who have undertaken their work in the areas related to CHERI's focus, that is, in the relationship between children's health and education, and/or their health and development. The following criteria nominations provide a broad framework as it is expected that the nominations will be from a number of different professional and non-professional fields and/or for a variety of contributions.

### Criteria for nomination

- a substantial contribution must have been made to the health, welfare and/or development of children;
- this contribution must have been made over a long period of time;
- the contribution should be readily recognised by the nominee's peers and/or community as being worthy of this level of award;
- the contribution may have been made by the nominee in a paid position as a professional or in a voluntary position servicing children's needs;
- normally, the advocacy and support will involve a generic element, that is, the work will be for the good of a large number of children, not merely for a small, select group;
- the award will reflect creditably on the person and CHERI, and will result in further developments for children in general.

## **Procedures**

- A person may self-nominate, though it is more likely that the nomination will come from the nominee's peers.
- Supporting documentation must be provided by the nominator. This documentation will include the following:
  - name and official position of the nominee;
  - a brief summary of the main reasons the nominee should be considered for the award;
  - a brief outline of the person's contributions to improving the health, welfare and/or development of children. Please indicate events and period of involvement and any other relevant examples;
  - a statement outlining specifically how the nominator thinks that the nominee has shown outstanding and substantial contributions to children's health, welfare and/or development, with particular comments on CHERI's special interest, the interface between health and education/development;
  - name and positions of the nominator with an indication of why this person is nominating;
  - supporting testimonials from at least two people who know of the nominee's work.
- The nominations will be considered by the CHERI Advisory Committee.
- After acceptance by the Committee, the final documentation will include an acceptance by the nominee of the nomination.
- Note: the conditions of the Award require that the successful nominee is prepared to have media releases, interviews etc, if required, to promote the decision and the Award.

## **The Award**

- The Award will be presented at CHERI's Hippocrates and Socrates Conference.
- The award is recognised by presentation of a permanent trophy.
- The awardee will be included in the CHERI Honour Roll of Child Advocates.
- The award may be publicised on CHERI's website and newsletters, and via news releases and articles.

## **Nominations should be forwarded to:**

**CHERI**

**The Children's Hospital at Westmead**

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**Westmead NSW 2145**

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