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Community Reentry Champion Award 2027

Award Criteria

Link to nomination form:
bit.ly/ReentryChampion27

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by December 31, 2026.

Nominations should include a comprehensive description of the nominee's contributions to the reentry community and HIV prevention efforts. Feel free to submit additional support information (testimonials, letters of support, etc.) by emailing documents to reentry@phimc.org with the subject line "Champion Award". Additional support documents **are NOT required.**

Please limit the narrative to 150-300 words.

This award aims to honor those who work tirelessly not only towards a more equitable and supportive reentry process but also towards the eradication of HIV/AIDS among returning citizens in Illinois.

A combination of the below criteria will be considered in the selection process:

Impact on Reentry Community:

- Demonstrates a significant, positive impact on the lives of formerly incarcerated individuals, including efforts in HIV prevention, treatment, and education.
- Shows evidence of success in facilitating effective reentry, such as reduced recidivism, successful employment placement, improved health outcomes, and increased access to HIV prevention and care services.

Innovation and Creativity:

- Implementation of innovative and creative strategies that address the unique challenges faced by the reentry population, including HIV prevention and care.
- Solutions for overcoming barriers to accessing HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and support services.

Advocacy and Leadership:

- Strong leadership and advocacy for reentry issues, including HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment.
- Influence on policy changes or public opinion to support the health rights of formerly incarcerated individuals, particularly concerning HIV.

Community Collaboration and Inclusion:

- Effective collaboration with healthcare providers, HIV/AIDS organizations, and community groups to enhance reentry support and HIV prevention efforts.
- Promotion of inclusivity and consideration of the diverse needs of the reentry population, with specific attention to HIV/AIDS-related challenges.

Sustainability and Scalability:

- Sustainable practices and strategies ensuring long-term support for the reentry community and ongoing HIV prevention and care.
- Potential for the scalability or replication of their HIV prevention programs or strategies in other settings or communities.

Commitment and Dedication:

- Demonstrated long-term commitment to improving the reentry process and health outcomes for individuals, with a specific focus on HIV prevention and care.
- Exceptional dedication to the health and well-being of returning citizens, particularly in reducing the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS.

Educational and Employment Opportunities:

- Provision of or facilitation of access to education and vocational training that includes HIV/AIDS education and prevention.
- Success in helping formerly incarcerated individuals obtain employment or education, thereby reducing risk factors associated with HIV transmission.

Thank you for your thoughtful nomination!