

Chapter Seeks Nominees for Annual Awards

Help Celebrate Excellence in the Field of Social Work

It is time once again to begin the selection process for Social Worker of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. The jobs performed by professional social workers make a difference in the lives of those in need of human services. The Social Worker of the Year Award allows us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the achievements of an outstanding member of our profession. Therefore, Chapter leadership urges all members to actively participate in the process by submitting nominations for this prestigious award.

We are currently seeking nominations to be considered for the Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is designed to recognize a social worker who, throughout his or her life, has consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of clients and the profession of social work. In honoring the Lifetime Achievement Award winner, the Chapter is emphasizing the best social work values and accomplishments as demonstrated in a lifetime career.

Both Awards will be presented at the annual conference, which will be held October 23 – 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30340.

Social Worker of the Year Award

An individual considered for this award should demonstrate exceptional professional qualities that make her or him stand out beyond the expectations of her/his job. The person you nominate must:

- Be a member in good standing with NASW-GA
- Demonstrate leadership qualities of an exceptional nature
- Effectively integrate experience with education in an outstanding effort to help people
- Show a willingness to take risks for improved social services
- Enlist public support for improved social services
- Contribute to the public's knowledge of social work
- Represent the professional ethics of social work as defined in the NASW Code of Ethics

Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement Award

In addition to meeting all of the criteria for Social Worker of the Year, the candidate must also demonstrate:

- Repeated outstanding achievements
- Recognition beyond the social work profession
- Contributions with a lasting impact
- Outstanding creativity and courage

The NASW-GA Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) will review all nominations and determine the recipients of the Social Worker of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The completeness and presentation of your nomination materials will influence the selection process.

Please be sure to make a clear description of the exceptional contributions your nominee has made and, if possible, include a current resume. Your nomination should include newspaper clippings, articles, and other materials that will help the selection committee get a complete impression of the candidate. The recipients of the awards will be personally notified and an announcement of their selection will be posted on the Chapter web site and published in our newsletter.

Chapter Award Nominations Must Include

1. Title of the award for which your candidate is being nominated: **Social Worker of the Year** or **Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement**
2. Name of Nominee
3. Nominee's Current Position & Employer
4. Business Address
5. Business & Home Phone Numbers
6. Description of Nominee's Contributions and/or Activities (*You may include the nominee's resume, news articles featuring the nominee and letters of support*)
7. Name, Address, Phone Number and Signature of Nominator

Nominations should be mailed to the Chapter Office by Friday, September 11, 2009 at NASW Georgia Chapter, 3070 Presidential Drive, Suite 226, Atlanta, GA 30340.