

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 NICHOLS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Addiction among women is increasing. In the past few years women have been quickly closing the gap with men in alcohol and chemical dependency addiction. They are increasingly likely to drink and use drugs at earlier ages than ever before. Medical professionals now know that women progress more quickly towards addiction than men; research indicates this is due to hormonal differences and metabolism. For women, serious substance abuse-related diseases also develop more quickly. Yet women often experience more stigma and shame when attempting to deal with chemical dependency issues.

We are asking you can help recognize someone who has opened doors to women and families in need of chemical dependency treatment. **The Nichols Leadership Award**, named for its original endower, Ann Nichols, was created to honor an individual or organization working in the field of chemical dependency that has helped women and their families overcome addiction and embrace a life of recovery.

The Nichols award is presented annually by Residence XII, a chemical dependency treatment facility for women and their families in Kirkland, WA. Nominations are open to the public and the winner is chosen by an independent selection committee comprised of the Executive Director of Residence XII and two industry professionals who have no formal affiliation or ties with Residence XII. Previous winners of the Nichols Leadership award are: *Jean Sullivan, Jacque Wallace, Lorie Dwinell, Ann Forbes, Val Roney, Marceil Ten Eyck, Beth Dannhardt and Greta Kruger*. The winner will be honored at a reception in May where they will receive recognition and a cash honorarium funded by the initial endowment for this award.

The official nomination form is enclosed and must be completed along with a statement of up to 500 words describing the nominee's activities and an explanation of why this individual or organization is a strong candidate for The Nichols Leadership Award. Other appropriate supporting materials may also be submitted along with the form and statement. Additional nomination forms can be obtained by calling Residence XII at (425) 823-8844 or (800) 776-5944 or downloading the form from the Residence XII website, www.residencexii.org. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 12, 2010. Please note that current employees of Residence XII are not eligible for nomination.

One person, or one organization, with true passion, commitment and knowledge can initiate changes that make a difference in the lives of many. Help us recognize one of those whose mission has been to help women and their families along the path to recovery! We look forward to hearing from you.

The Nichols Leadership Award

Nomination Guidelines

The Nichols Leadership Award is presented annually to an individual, or group, who has consistently demonstrated community leadership to better meet the needs of chemically dependent women and their families.

Eligibility: Nomination for this award is open to anyone involved with chemical dependency as it relates specifically to women and their families. Current employees of Residence XII are not eligible for nomination. All entries and supplementary materials become the property of Residence XII and will not be returned. The screening committee may request additional information from nominators or references.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting an application for nomination is Friday, March 12, 2010. All applications must be delivered to Residence XII no later than 5 p.m. on that date.

Requirements: An official Nomination Form must be completed along with an attached statement of up to 500 words describing the nominee's activities and why you believe this person, or organization, is a strong candidate for The Nichols Leadership Award. You may include supporting materials of up to ten pages (front and back) along with the Nomination Form. These supplementary materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets, etc.

Criteria: The following criteria will be utilized in reviewing and judging nominations:

Women's Needs – Does the nominee's activity focus specifically on the needs of women and chemical dependency? Explain how.

Family Needs – Does the nominee's activity demonstrate an appreciation of the needs of the family's recovery?

Ongoing Involvement – How long has this treatment or advocacy work been going on? Is the nominee's activity ongoing? In what way do they continue to serve women and their families?

Impact – Is there a demonstrated impact resulting from the activity? How can success be measured for this individual's or organization's work?

Innovation – Do the activities reflect innovative or unique approaches to treating women and their families with chemical dependency? Elaborate on what makes these activities innovative.

**Please mail all entries to:
The Nichols Leadership Award
Residence XII
12029 113th Ave. NE
Kirkland, WA 98034
Questions: Call 425.823.8844**



**The Nichols Leadership Award Nomination Form
Due on March 12, 2010 (5p.m.)**

Send to: The Nichols Leadership Award, Residence XII, 12029 113 Ave. NE Kirkland, WA 98034

NOMINEE NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

Title & Organization, if appropriate: _____

Organization website, if appropriate: _____

REFERENCES: In order to qualify, a nominee must have two references who may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. References should be persons familiar with the individual, or organization, and their work in the chemical dependency field. References should not include the nominee herself/himself, or any person related to the nominee.

Reference 1: _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

Title and Organization, if appropriate: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Reference 2: _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

Title and Organization, if appropriate: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

NOMINATOR NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____

Title and Organization, if appropriate: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____