



# Kalamazoo County Celebrates Elderhood Award & Nomination Form

Be part of the movement to improve the aging experience in Kalamazoo County! This collaborative campaign will challenge stereotypes and bring awareness to the positive aspects of aging, showcasing how elderhood enriches individuals, families and our community. In addition to promoting healthy aging and well-being and intergenerational events, we would like to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses who serve elders in our community with standards of excellence, commitment and honor. Below you will find several categories of services provision that we would like to recognize for their innovation and best practices during our May 18, 2017 banquet.

After reviewing the brief descriptions, please check the category that best describes the individual, organization or business you are nominating for recognition. Complete the narrative of why you believe this nominee should be recognized and submit your completed form via email to: [elderhood18@gmail.com](mailto:elderhood18@gmail.com) or regular mail to:

Area Agency on Aging, IIIA  
3299 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI, 49048  
Attn: Celebrate Elderhood

Email questions to: [Elderhood18@gmail.com](mailto:Elderhood18@gmail.com) or visit our website at: [www.kalcounty.com/aaa](http://www.kalcounty.com/aaa) or call: 269-373-5239.

## Please "X" the appropriate category below:

- Direct Care Worker/Licensed Professional:** (certified nurse aides, home health aides, patient care technicians, nurses, physicians, etc.) Training that includes dementia care, cultural competence; performance that is person centered and compassionate; advocates for the rights of elders, and demonstrates a good work ethic.
- Long-Term Care Facilities:** (adult foster care, homes for the aged, or skilled nursing facility [nursing home]). Programs/activities to address loneliness and boredom & promote highest level of independence of residents. Innovative employee recruitment and retention, ongoing training in dementia care, ethics, person centered care, elder abuse, cultural competence and more. Active family and resident councils. Resident focused environment.
- Businesses:** Actively seeks to employ older workers; flexible scheduling; business activities focused on elders; education for employees on the aging experience; dementia friendly.
- Faith Based Organizations:** Innovative programs to support elders; social, educational and intergenerational activities focused on elders open to general community as well as church members; active health ministry.
- Senior Housing:** Innovative programs; residents involved in determining activities, etc.
- Home Care:** Certified or Private Duty. Innovative employee recruitment and retention, ongoing training in dementia care, ethics, person centered care, elder abuse, cultural competence and more
- You Name It:** Any individual or organization who you believe deserves recognition for the work they do in support of elders in Kalamazoo County. ESPECIALLY those unsung Heroes!

**NOMINATION FORM**

Please complete the form below in the category that best describes the nominee. **Save form and email to: [elderhood18@gmail.com](mailto:elderhood18@gmail.com) or mail to: Area Agency on Aging, IIIA, 3299 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI, 49048, Attn: Celebrate Elderhood. For questions, call: 269-373-5239**

**Forms due by March 6, 2017.**

**Your Contact Information**

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

Best Phone to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Connection to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's contact information**

Name (Individual, business or organization): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Please describe why this nominee should be recognized in 500 words or less:**