

The Willmar Kiwanis Club Touch-A-Life Award

Inception

The 1975 Kiwanis International Convention held in San Diego had as its theme, ***Touch A Life***. It was reported that "Hundreds of new projects were added to meet an International Major Emphasis challenge 'to Touch a Life.'"

Different clubs approached this challenge in different ways. The response of the Willmar club was to establish an award to be given each year "to a resident of Kandiyohi County for donating time and abilities in volunteer service above and beyond the ordinary. The past three recipients were Irene Whitymyre, Wayne Nelson and Robert Anderson.

Schedule

The award should be presented each year in the October-November time frame. Accordingly, nominations should be made available to the Awards Committee by September 1, using the form seen later in this document.

Nominating Candidates

Nominations are solicited from all residents of Kandiyohi County. Nominations should be accompanied by a 1-page written justification provided for in the nomination form.

Selection Process

The final selection would be up to the Awards Committee. This entails a debate of the candidates' merits and picking the most worthy candidate. A majority vote is required.

Award

The award will consist of a plaque with an appropriate inscription.

Final Steps

The Awards Committee will arrange for the awardee to be present at the ceremony and present the award.

Kiwanis Touch-A-Life Nomination Form

Each year beginning in 1978 the Willmar Kiwanis Club has recognized a citizen of Kandiyohi County who has an outstanding record of volunteering service to our community. Typically, the award winner has provided ongoing volunteer service to the community, his or her church, school system, local government, or other organizations or programs.

To continue this tradition, the Willmar Kiwanis Club invites you to nominate an individual who is deserving of the Kiwanis Touch-A-Life Award. (Nomination by email are also acceptable; in this case, the personal and service information must be arranged for easy separation.)

1. Nominator information (the Committee may wish follow-up information):
 - a) name
 - b) telephone number or email address
2. Willmar Kiwanis president (to whom nominations shall be sent):
 - a) Becky Clayton at beckyc@kandiyomca.org
 - b) Mailing address: P.O. Box 653, Willmar, MN 56201
3. Nominee personal information (this information will be held in confidence by the Kiwanis club president; items c through g are optional, needed only when requested):
 - a) Name
 - b) Address:
 - c) Age
 - d) Spouse's name, if married:
 - e) Occupation:
 - f) Education:
 - g) Names of children:

