



2019 HANDS ACROSS THE VALLEY AWARDS

Nomination Form

Nothing changes a community for the better like volunteering. Whether organizing a food or clothing drive, securing the safety of neighbors, tutoring children, or cleaning up streets, doing good connects us with others in meaningful ways. It also creates and cultivates a community that cares. For the past 51 years, HandsOn Central California has sponsored **Hands Across the Valley Awards**, to recognize volunteers whose commitment and service in the field of volunteerism has had a tangible impact on our communities and Central Valley region.

We invite you to participate in the **Hands Across the Valley Awards**. Please identify an individual, group or company that you believe exemplifies high-quality volunteer involvement by generously giving their time and energy to address our regional challenges. Awards will be presented at a special luncheon April 24, 2019 during National Volunteer week. All nominees will be recognized, and winners will receive an award signifying their stellar service. Winners are chosen by a third-party committee based on the criteria listed below.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES: nominate your outstanding volunteers in the following categories:

- **Adult Volunteer:** Volunteer over 18
- **Building Healthy Community Award:** Individuals and/or groups who have volunteered time to support health issues.
- **Building Strong Children and Families Volunteer:** Working on behalf of children's and family issues.
- **Business Volunteer or Group:** Volunteers from community businesses.
- **College Student Volunteer:** Enrolled in college while volunteering.
- **Community Award for Outstanding Leadership:** Significant contributions through time, actions, talent and dedication in a volunteer leadership role.
- **Lifetime Achievement:** Volunteer exemplifies a lifelong commitment to volunteerism.
- **Service Club/Organization:** Service Club/Organization volunteers; i.e.: Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts.
- **Youth Volunteer:** Volunteer under 18



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- **Community Needs and Solution** – How did the nominee’s actions meet or solve a real community need or challenge? Did the activities lead to a long-term solution? Has the nominee made a long-lasting positive and meaningful difference in the lives of people in the community, region, state, nation, or internationally through volunteer service activities?
- **Connection Building** – How did their activities demonstrate hands-on service that resulted in building connection between the community and those who may be isolated from it? Were connections made with groups beyond the agency for which the volunteer worked?
- **Impact** – What impact/benefits resulted from the nominee’s activities and efforts? How many or what types of people and groups were worked with? What was the nominee’s level of involvement? Was the amount of time spent significant?
- **Distinctive Achievements** – Was the service provided extraordinary and meaningful? Did their activities show innovation or unique approaches to addressing serious social challenges?

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

It is strongly recommended that nominations first be prepared in a word processing document. Use the following pages to help collect and organize the information so it can be easily copied and pasted into the online form. Not only does this let the nominator collect, write, edit, and check character counts but it also ensures that any disruptions (e.g., loss of internet connection) do not mean loss of time and work.

One photo of the nominee should be included with the nomination, but do not include CDs, DVSS, newspaper articles, notebooks or other materials. Late, incomplete or misdirected nomination forms will be disqualified.

Nominations must be postmarked, submitted online, or emailed by February 28, 2019.

Online (preferred method)	By e-mail	By mail
Link and instructions for the online nomination form can be found at handsoncentralcal.org	To: info@handsoncentralcal.org (MS Word or PDF attachment)	HAVA Nomination HandsOn Central California 732 North Van Ness Fresno, CA 93728
Photo should be attached as a jpg or jpeg file		Include one photo

Our staff would be happy to help you with any questions you may have about the nomination process. Contact us at (559) 237-3101 or via email at info@handsoncentralcal.org



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Category (Select ONE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Award for Outstanding Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Healthy Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Strong Children & Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Club or Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Student Volunteer | |

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Mailing Address: _____

Nominee City, State, Zip Code: _____

Nominee's County of Residence: _____

Nominee's Length of Service (number of YEARS this nominee has served. Be specific. It is acceptable to estimate, but do not use terms like "many" or "countless"): _____

Nominee's Daytime Phone Number (include area code): _____

Nominee's (or contact person's) E-mail Address: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Assurance - I hereby certify that the information being submitted is an accurate representation of the service performed by the nominee. ☐

Nominator's Signature: _____

Nominator's typed or printed name: _____ Date: _____

FOR EVENT PURPOSES:

- Do you plan on attending the awards luncheon in April? _____
- If YES, how many people do you anticipate will attend the luncheon with you? _____



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REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Provide detailed information to address each of the included essay questions. You may use as much space as needed, but make sure each component of the question is answered. **Use specific examples** to illustrate the scope and extent of the nominee's volunteer activities.

1. **Summary** — Provide a very *brief and specific* statement describing the nominee's history with volunteering, and why they are worthy of being selected for the Hands Across the Valley Award. This information may be used for announcements during the award ceremony or in media releases.
2. **Community Needs and Solution** — Describe how the nominee's actions met or solved a real community need. Include specific information about how the activities led to a long-term solution, and how the nominee made long-lasting positive and meaningful differences in the lives of people in the community, region, state, nation, or internationally through their volunteer service activities.
3. **Connection Building** — Provide examples of how the nominee demonstrated hands-on service to build connections between the community and those who might be isolated from it. Explain how/if connections were made with groups beyond the agency for which the volunteer worked.
4. **Impact** — List *specific examples* of the impact and benefits achieved as a result of the activities and efforts of this nominee (changes in the economy, environment, or social conditions). Include how many and what types of people and groups were worked with. What was the nominee's level of involvement? Was the amount of time spent significant?
5. **Distinctive Achievements** — Provide details about how their volunteer service was extraordinary and meaningful. How did the nominee's activities show innovative or unique approaches to addressing serious social challenges?
6. **Additional Recognition** — has the nominee received other recognition or awards for their volunteer activities? ☐ Yes (please explain below) ☐ No ☐ Unknown