

Livingston County CARES presents

# CARES Awards

The 2nd Annual Livingston County CARES Awards is designed to celebrate the volunteering spirit of our community. Volunteerism is an essential part of caring for those less fortunate than ourselves and for organizations and individuals that do the necessary work of advocating for the greater good of our community. Volunteers exemplify service and empathy and we are delighted to acknowledge their commitment to their fellow community members.

The CARES Awards Event Celebration will take place on **Friday, April 10, 2026** at The Big Tree Inn on Main Street in Geneseo. All nominators and nominees (whether finalist or not) will be invited via personal invitation to the April 10<sup>th</sup> reception celebration and are encouraged to attend.

Livingston County CARES, Inc. along with our partners: Livingston County Government, SUNY Geneseo, Livingston County Chamber of Commerce and Genesee Valley Council on the Arts wishes to extend our thanks to all nominators for their support of volunteering and for their appreciation for those that serve our community.

A nominee for the CARES AWARD should demonstrate dedication, leadership qualities, and a measurable impact on the local community. In making your nomination, please review the following criteria:

- The CARES AWARD may be presented to an individual or group in the area of cultural, educational/student, business, humanitarian, patriotic, historic, citizenship, environmental/conservation activities.
- There is no age or length of service requirement for the CARES AWARD, but the service must be voluntary and unpaid.
- Eligible recipient of The CARES AWARD must either live or work in Livingston County.
- Eligible recipient of The CARES AWARD volunteer work must benefit the community of Livingston County.
- Individuals, organizations or groups (profit or non-profit) can be nominated for the CARES AWARD by community members, employers, or educational institutions (faculty, staff, or students.)
- Individuals can also nominate themselves for the CARES AWARD.

**The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, February 6, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**

- Printed nomination forms are available at: Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, 4653 Millennium Drive Dr., Geneseo, NY 14454.
- Printed nomination forms should be sent to: Livingston County CARES, Inc., 31 Center St, Geneseo, NY 14454.
- Printed nomination forms must be post marked no later than February 6th, 2026.

**NOTE to Nominators:** By making a nomination, you agree to informing your nominee that they have been nominated and they must agree to the nomination.

Questions?

Please direct any questions to Lisa Burns, Chairperson-2026 CARES Awards, [lgburns@gmail.com](mailto:lgburns@gmail.com)

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Directions: Please provide the name, e-mail, and phone number of the nominator below.

**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full mailing address of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Directions: Please provide the nominee's name, e-mail, phone number, and the organization they volunteer with below.

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full mailing address of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organizational Affiliation of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVALUATE THE NOMINEE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA**

Directions: For each of the following five criteria based on the acronym C.A.R.E.S. please indicate the degree to which the statement is true for the nominee.

**C Consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to helping others. They are conscientious in their work, ensuring that every task is handled with care and precision, making a meaningful difference in the community.**

- Very true of the nominee.
- True of the nominee.
- Somewhat true of the nominee.
- Not at all true of the nominee.

**A Always puts others first. Their admirable dedication and attentiveness to detail ensure that multiple needs are met, and they approach their volunteer work with a positive attitude that makes everyone feel valued.**

- Very true of the nominee.
- True of the nominee.
- Somewhat true of the nominee.
- Not at all true of the nominee.

**R Known for being reliable and resourceful, they can always be counted on to tackle challenges with creativity and determination. Their resilience in the face of obstacles and their respectful interactions with others make them a remarkable asset to their organization.**

- Very true of the nominee.
- True of the nominee.

- Somewhat true of the nominee.
- Not at all true of the nominee.

**E** Their enthusiasm is infectious, and they bring boundless energy to every project. They are empathetic, always aware of the needs of others and their ability to stay engaged ensures the success of every initiative they undertake.

- Very true of the nominee.
- True of the nominee.
- Somewhat true of the nominee.
- Not at all true of the nominee.

**S** Above all, they are selfless in their efforts, always prioritizing the well-being of others. They are a steadfast and supportive leader, always working to lift others up. Their sincere dedication to making a positive impact is evident in everything they do.

- Very true of the nominee.
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- Somewhat true of the nominee.
- Not at all true of the nominee.

**PROVIDE A SHORT-WRITTEN RESPONSE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

Directions: Utilizing the criteria below, please answer the following three questions in 250 words or more.

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- 1. *In your own words, what we should know about the nominee?***
- 2. *What is the practical or measurable impact of the nominee's service in the community?***
- 3. *What change or improvement took place as a result of the nominee's efforts?***

**[Please use the next page to provide your response the question about]**



**Before submitting your CARES Award Nomination, we would like to share:**

- Livingston County Cares, Inc. is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors
- Livingston County Cares is a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to assisting communities and individuals locally, regionally, nationwide, and globally in humanitarian projects, particularly focusing on disaster relief and recovery efforts. Livingston County Cares provides a central repository for resources and information for individuals and organizations wishing to contribute to disaster relief efforts.

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