



April 7, 2021

Do you know a person or organization that went above and beyond to support Hawai'i's keiki during the COVID-19 crisis?

**Nominate them for a 2021
Champions for Children award!**



HCAN's first Champions for Children awards event was scheduled for March 2020 — just as COVID-19 became a global pandemic. We canceled the event and immediately pivoted to responding to the crisis through advocacy, public education, and community organizing.

Since then, over the past 10 months, we've seen the community step up in extraordinary ways for our keiki. In this second iteration of our event, we want to recognize some of those amazing contributions.

This year, HCAN will present 11 awards, reflecting our vision of Hawai'i where all children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. There is no cost to submit a nomination, and a nominee can be submitted for multiple categories. Self-nominations are also welcome.

The virtual awards ceremony on April 7 will be free to stream, with a \$25 suggested donation to HCAN. More details about the program, including tickets, food packages, and sponsorships, will be announced soon.



Hawai'i Children's Action Network (HCAN) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and the only one in the state of Hawai'i solely committed to advocating for children. We address the root causes of poverty and inequity and develop public policies that help children and their families.

Our mission: Building a unified voice educating and advocating for Hawaii's children.

Our vision: All of Hawai'i's children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

Submit a nomination online

Visit our website to submit a nomination and get more details: champions.hawaii-can.org



Award categories

Innovator: A pioneering individual, group, or organization that implemented a creative, out-of-the-box solution to support Hawai'i's children during the pandemic.

Unsung Hero: An individual who made a profound difference for kids in their community during the pandemic, but who often isn't in the spotlight or isn't recognized for their role.

Family-Friendly Employer: A company that went above and beyond during the pandemic to support its employees with children.

Health

Child- or Family-Focused Healthcare Worker: A physician, dentist, nurse, or other clinician who provided exceptional care to children and their families during the pandemic.

Public Health Worker: An advocate, epidemiologist, researcher, or other professional whose significant contributions to fighting the pandemic made the community safer for all children.

Safety and Security

Family Strengthening: An individual or organization whose outstanding contributions during the pandemic helped families create safe,

nurturing environments where their children can grow and thrive.

Economic Security / Social Services: An individual or organization whose extraordinary service mitigated the pandemic's economic toll on children and families, working to ensure they still had access to basic needs and financial stability.

Early Education

Child care Provider or Early Learning/Preschool Teacher: An individual who went to great lengths to ensure young children continued receiving the care and education they need during the pandemic.

Child Care Program or Preschool: An organization that provided exemplary care and education to young children during the pandemic.

K-12 Education

Teacher: An K-12 educator (public or private) whose remarkable dedication and resourcefulness created a successful learning environment during the pandemic.

Administrator: A K-12 school administrator (public or private) whose impactful leadership helped their school successfully pivot to the pandemic's health and educational demands.

Eligibility and judging

Eligibility: Entries must be received by February 19, 2021 at 11:59 pm HST. Individual nominees must be Hawai'i residents, and organizational nominees must be based in Hawai'i. Employees and board members of Hawai'i Children's Action Network, and their immediate family, are not eligible. HCAN may disqualify entries at any time.

Judging: Awards will be judged by a panel of experts in each field (health, safety, and education). Judges will not evaluate any entries with which they have a personal or professional affiliation or other conflict of interest.

Awarding: For the "Innovator," "Unsung Hero," and "Family-Friendly Business" categories, judges will choose three finalists; out of those three finalists, they will choose one winner. Those nine finalists will be publicly recognized ahead of the event, and the three winners will be announced during the event. For the other eight categories, judges will choose one winner.

Cost: There is no cost to submit a nomination.



Nomination form

To submit a nomination, visit champions.hawaii-can.org or fill out the form below and send it:

- By email to info@hawaii-can.org
- By mail to 850 Richards Street, Suite 201, Honolulu, HI 96813

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Nominator

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone

Nominee

Nominee Type

Individual Organization

Is this a self-nomination?

No Yes (*skip next contact section*)

Nominee Details or Organization Primary Contact

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone

Award Category or Categories

You can nominate someone for multiple categories, if applicable.

Innovator

Unsung Hero

Family-Friendly Employer

Health

Child- or Family-Focused Healthcare Worker

Public Health Worker

Safety and Security

Family Strengthening (Individual or Organization)

Economic Security / Social Services (Individual or Organization)

Early Education

Child Care Provider or Early Learning/Preschool Teacher (Individual)

Child Care Program or Preschool (Organization)

K-12 Education

Teacher

Administrator

Form continues ...



Nomination form, continued

Brief bio or description of nominee

Maximum 100 words.

How did this nominee go above and beyond during the COVID-19 crisis?

Maximum 100 words.

Optional attachments

You can submit up to three attachments (media coverage, letters of recommendation, etc).