



## 13th Annual Esther M. Holderby Dedicated CHW Award

The Esther M. Holderby Dedicated CHW Award honors a mid-career (more than 5 years) community health worker (CHW) who has overcome personal adversity to promote health in his or her community. In addition to promoting health in his or her community, the recipient of the award will have advocated for funding or services needed in their community to promote health.

The award was established in 2006, by James M. Holderby Jr. and Lisa Renee Holderby-Fox, to commemorate the late Esther M. Holderby. Ms. Holderby was a 25-year 4-time cancer survivor and most importantly, a dedicated CHW. Until her passing in July 2005, she educated men and women about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Esther was also a tireless advocate for increased funding for CHWs programs and early detection services.

### **Description:**

The award consists of a plaque and certificate, which will be awarded during the 2019 Unity Conference Reception. The 20<sup>th</sup> Unity Conference will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. The Unity Conference is hosted by the Center for Sustainable Health Outreach (CSHO) at The University of Southern Mississippi. For additional conference information please visit [Unity Conference, 2019](#).

### **Award Criteria:**

Nominees for the Esther M. Holderby Dedicated CHW Award should:

- a) Be a community health worker, community health representative or promotor(a) de salud;
- b) Have at least 5 years' experience as a CHW, CHR or promotor(a) de salud;
- c) Have made a significant contribution to community health;
- d) Be an advocate for the community served; and
- e) Be active in local, state or national CHW, CHR or promotor(a) de salud organizations or groups.

Nominees from all disciplines are encouraged. They do not need to work in cancer prevention.

### **Nomination Process:**

- Nominations must be sent to [emh.chw.award@gmail.com](mailto:emh.chw.award@gmail.com), Subject: 2019 Dedicated CHW.
- Completed nomination form and 2 letters of recommendation must be received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern time on Friday, January 12, 2019. One (1) letter of recommendation must be written by someone other than the nominator. One (1) letter should come from a local, statewide or national CHW, CHR or promotor(a) organization, whenever possible.
- Please do not send additional attachments, additional materials will not be considered during the selection process.
- The Selection Committee will review the nominations, select and notify the award recipient by Wednesday, February 14, 2019.

Contact Lisa Renee @ 978.729.5379 with any questions regarding the award.