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The Children’s Heart Foundation*

***Red Tie Ball Congenital Heart Defect Champion Award Criteria***

The Congenital Heart Defect Champion Award recognizes significant contributions to the Illinois congenital heart defect (CHD) community by an individual. The individual may be a medical/health care professional, an advocate, or a volunteer. To nominate an individual for this award, please complete the attached form and submit the items outlined in the nomination packet below.

*\*Nomination deadline to be considered for the 2019 CHD Champion Award is* ***May 31st, 2019.*** This will be awarded at The Children’s Heart Foundation’s 6th annual Red Tie Ball on **December 7, 2019.**

**Congenital Heart Defect Champion Award Criteria**

To be considered for this award, the nominee must have demonstrated a sustained contribution and commitment to the ***Illinois CHD community*** in a minimum of one of the following areas:

* **Patient care and/or Treatment** – Nominee has demonstrated a significant commitment to the Illinois CHD community via professional service in the medical or health care settings. Nominee has gone above and beyond the typical expression of his/her professional role, enhancing the quality of life of CHD children and/or their families. Nominee should also have distinguished his/herself through leadership and/or personal dedication.
* **Research and Innovation** – Nominee has devoted much of his/her professional life to CHD research as an investigator (either primary or collaborative). Nominee’s research has had a broad impact on the medical care of individuals with congenital heart disease, ideally children with CHD.
* **Advocacy and Volunteerism** – Nominee has provided outstanding support and/or resources for CHD patients and families in the forms of programs, legislative/regulatory advocacy, scholarships and/or fundraising. Nominee has served the CHD community with excellence; volunteering their own time and/or organizing others to volunteer in ways that honor and support CHD families, projects and/or charitable organizations.

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**Nominator Information**

***Name***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Information**

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Each nomination packet should include:

* Letter of nomination (Please describe in detail how this nominee meets the criteria)
* Supporting letters (from colleagues, professionals, patients or families)
* Letters of commendation, awards, newspaper articles or other information (Optional)
* Curriculum vitae of nominee where applicable or available (Optional)
* Send nomination to: chfilboard@childrensheartfoundation.org by May 31st, 2019