

## Health Care Champions Awards: Call for Nominations!

The Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) announces a call for nominations for Health Care Champions and the organizations they serve. As a public-private partnership, the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) has spent more than 30 years partnering with and investing in organizations across Virginia to expand access to primary care for uninsured and medically underserved Virginians through innovative, transformative service delivery models.

VHCF's Health Care Champion Awards have been created to recognize individuals or teams who have gone above and beyond to increase access to health care, improve the health of their patients, clients, communities, and/or organizations that make this work possible. We are excited to open the call for nominations to celebrate the champions at our

**2026 Cheers for Champions** award event!

*As part of the awards program, we'll reflect on the transformational impact of the past 30+ years and share a vision for the next era. Your nomination helps tell that story.*

### Who can be nominated?

- A licensed oral, behavioral, or medical health professional employed by or volunteering at the nominating organization;
- An individual employed by the nominating organization who supports or leads oral, behavioral, or medical care programs;
- All nominees must work with an organization that serves uninsured or medically underserved Virginians.

### When and where will this event occur?

- Awards will be presented **in person at a special event in Richmond this spring.**

### How can you make a nomination?

- **Nominations must be submitted via [this online form](#) no later than February 27.** Only ONE nomination per organization, please. Please note, you must complete this form in its entirety before submitting. You cannot save and return to a survey in progress.
- Award recipients will be selected by an independent panel of high-level healthcare leaders from the public and private sectors.
- A strong nomination clearly and compellingly describes the nominee's accomplishments, with **specific** examples of how the nominee's work has increased or transformed access to care for the patients your organization serves, care delivery, or systems of care.
- Nominations may be submitted by colleagues, supervisors, community leaders, organizational partners, or others familiar with the nominee's work.
- The nomination narrative should be **no more than 400 words.**

### What is the award amount?

- Each award is \$5,000. Half will be given to the nominating organization and half will go to the individual(s) selected.

### Questions?

Please contact Andrea Lancaster, VHCF's Chief Program & Impact Officer ([andrea@vhcf.org](mailto:andrea@vhcf.org)).

*We look forward to receiving your nomination! Please submit your nomination by **February 27th.***

**Contact Information for your Health Care Champion Nominee(s)**

\* Full name(s):

\* Job title(s):

\* Organization(s):

\* Mailing address:

**Street address**

**Street address line 2**

**City**

**State**

**Zip code**

\* Phone number:

**Country code**

**Phone number**

\* Email address:

**Email address**

\* Nomination category:

- Primary care
- Oral health
- Behavioral health

**Contact Information for Nominator**

\* Full name:

\* Job title:

\* Organization:

\* Mailing address:

**Street address**

**Street address line 2**

**City**

**State**

**Zip code**

\* Phone number:

**Country code**

**Phone number**

\* Email address:

**Email address**

\* Relationship of nominee to you:

- Colleague
- Employee
- Volunteer
- Friend
- Other (please specify)

## Nomination Narrative

\* Describe the person you are nominating for a VHCF Health Care Champion Award in **no more than 400 words**. Use the following questions as a guide and add any other information that would help the judges understand, specifically, what makes your nominee special. Specific examples and/or results are very helpful.

- Provide relevant information about your nominee’s personal and/or professional background.
- What makes your nominee extraordinary and a Health Care Champion? How have they gone “beyond the call” to improve the health and well-being of their patients/clients, colleagues, and/or community? What has occurred as a result?
- Share thoughts or testimonials of those impacted by the nominee’s extra efforts and of colleagues, community leaders or others with direct experience or knowledge of the nominee’s noteworthy work.
- Include any additional information that will help the judges understand why your nominee is exceptional.



**Thank you for helping us highlight the remarkable work occurring in Virginia!**

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Lancaster,  
VHCF’s Chief Program & Impact Officer ([andrea@vhcf.org](mailto:andrea@vhcf.org)).