



## 2017 NOMINATION FORM

It's time to recognize youth who are making an impact in Santa Barbara County!

**KIDS Network** is a countywide collaboration of organizations and individuals who are committed to children, youth and families. Our Network builds awareness and guides efforts to address needs and concerns in the areas of safety, health and education.

We realize that many young people in our community face significant challenges in their daily lives. Issues like poverty, racial disparity, food insecurity, family violence, neglect, illness and homelessness create circumstances that are difficult to overcome. We know that it takes a supportive community, and people of all ages and abilities, to make sure that all children have a chance to thrive.

Each year, **KIDS Network** celebrates the contributions of young people in Santa Barbara County by honoring individuals or groups who have made a significant **positive impact in our community**. The spirit of the Youth Impact Awards is to recognize youth who are outstanding because they have taken initiative to address and/or overcome adversity and have made a difference in the lives of others. Nominees may be recognized for demonstrating leadership while facing adversity in their own lives; or they may be nominated because they have devoted time, talent and energy to directly impacting the lives of other people who are experiencing adversity.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Nominations must be received by the Selection Committee no later than **5pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible for consideration.
- Nominees may be individuals or groups of young people residing and/or going to school in Santa Barbara County. Eligible youth must be between the ages of 10 and 18.
- Supporting documentation, such as letters of recognition or recommendation, may be submitted with the nomination. Grades and extracurricular activities are not necessary and will be noted if submitted, but will not be a factor in choosing winners.
- Please mail, fax, or email us the completed nomination form, along with any supporting documentation. Mailing address: KIDS Network, Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, 234 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Fax: (805) 681-4403. Email: [g.munoz@sbcsocialserv.org](mailto:g.munoz@sbcsocialserv.org). Additional nomination forms can be downloaded at [www.YouthImpactAwards.com](http://www.YouthImpactAwards.com).

## **SELECTING the WINNERS:**

The nominees' contributions will be assessed based on the level of adversity they have addressed and the scope of impact their actions have had in the Santa Barbara community. One winner and two honorable mentions will be selected in each of two categories:

1. The **Victory Award** will be given for leadership in the face of adversity; for demonstrating extraordinary resilience and perseverance in transforming hardships or challenges into personal strengths that have positively impacted the lives of others.
2. The **Champion Award** will be given for outstanding service to our community; for long-standing or time-intensive volunteer service that has helped others overcome adversity through personal commitment and/or the use of creativity and innovation.

## **NOTIFICATION of AWARDS:**

Winners and honorable mentions will be announced at the Youth Impact Awards event, which will be held on **May 4, 2017** from **4:00-5:30pm** at the **Veterans' Memorial Community Center Auditorium** at **313 West Tunnell St., Santa Maria, CA 93454**.

Nominators should be prepared to introduce the youth they have nominated, should they be selected as a winner of the Victory or Champion Award. Youth winners will also be invited to speak about the programs and individuals who have supported them in their achievements.

All nominees will receive a certificate of acknowledgement. Winners will receive a small monetary award and will be honored by local dignitaries. Names and contact information for those who nominated the award winners will be released to the press. For more information, please contact Gloria Muñoz at (805) 681-4452.

Please complete this form and return it to the KIDS Network, Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, 234 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, fax (805) 681-4403, email [g.munoz@sbcsocialserv.org](mailto:g.munoz@sbcsocialserv.org).

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**ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE:**

Name of Nominated Individual or Group:	
Contact Name (if group or organization):	
Name of School Attending & Grade:	
Home Address of Nominee:	
Home Phone of Nominee:	

**ABOUT YOU (THE NOMINATOR):**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
E-Mail:	
Guardian Signature: <i>(Required only for nominators under age 18)</i>	<p><i>I have read the information on this form and consent to my child's participation as a nominator.</i></p> <hr/> <p>_____</p> <p>GUARDIAN SIGNATURE <span style="float: right;">GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER</span></p>

**REASON FOR NOMINATION:**

1. In one or two sentences, please state why you are nominating this individual/group.

2. On a separate page, please describe your nominee's contributions or accomplishments, the adversity he/she has addressed, and the positive impact she/he has had on others in the Santa Barbara community. Please be as specific and detailed as possible; decisions will be made based solely on the information you provide regarding your nominee. Please include the nominee's name at the top of the page and limit your response to no more than one typed page.

3. In the space provided below, please provide any other information you think might be valuable for the selection committee and please list any supporting items you are attaching.