



**TENNESSEE
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**2019 COMMUNITY
HEALTHCARE HEROES
COMPETITION**

211 7TH AVENUE N., STE. 100
NASHVILLE, TN 37219

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2019 COMMUNITY

HEALTH CARE HEROES

Every year the Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) seeks nominations from the community to honor "Community Healthcare Heroes of the Year." These caretakers fight to get their children the health care they need and thus are true health care heroes. Although this event occurs during the Mother's and Father's Day season, any caretaker or guardian can be nominated. Who better to nominate caretakers or guardians than the ones most enriched by their support--the children themselves! We ask you to partner with us to help honor the incredible caretakers helping children get the best health care possible.



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WHO IS TENNESSEE JUSTICE CENTER?

The Tennessee Justice Center (TJC) is a non-profit public interest law and advocacy firm serving Tennessee's families.

Established in 1995, it gives priority to policy issues and civil cases in which the most basic necessities of life are at stake and where advocacy can benefit needy families statewide. TJC works to empower its clients by holding government accountable for its policies and actions.

For additional information about the Tennessee Justice Center and its services, visit www.tnjustice.org or call 615-255-0331.

Do you want to nominate your mom, dad, neighbor, friend, or other mothers you know?

Kids **aged 3-9** can submit a drawing or photo that shows why their nominee is their health care hero.

Kids **aged 10 and up** can submit a short essay (300 words or less) saying why their nominee is their special health care hero.

Adults can help! Friends and family can send in a nomination as well.

Entry Release Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

School Attended: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone: _____

By signing this release, you give Tennessee Justice Center perpetual royalty free licence to reproduce the works in order to promote the Community Caregivers Competition with marketing materials such as but not limited to, brochures, public information materials, and exhibits. You also agree that all the works sent to the contest will **NOT BE RETURNED** to the artist.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian)



Instructions for children age 3-9

1. Have your student brainstorm who takes care of them when they don't feel well.
2. Then brainstorm what these people do that makes them a hero.
Ex. "My mom is my health care hero because she drives me to the doctor."
"My grandma is my health care hero because she makes me soup when I am sick."
"My dad is my health care hero because he gives me my insulin shots everyday."
3. Have the students write down their sentences on a piece of paper for editing.
4. Hand out the attached activity sheet.
5. Have each child write their sentence and draw their picture of their hero.
(If your child or student is not able to write, you may help them write the sentence.)
6. If your students are more advanced, you can also use the optional paragraph page to elaborate further on their health care hero.
7. Mail the drawings and/or paragraphs to the Tennessee Justice Center,
211 7th Avenue N., Ste. 100, Nashville, TN 37219.
8. Remember although this can be a Mother's Day activity, the students can honor anyone who helps them receive the health care they need.

Nominations must be received by [June 26 , 2019](#).

Results and Awards:

- 1st place award of \$100 | 2nd place award of \$50 | 3rd place award of \$25
- Certificates of Recognition will be awarded to artists of selected works
- **Selected works will be displayed on Tennessee Justice Center's website and Facebook page**
- **Selected works will be featured in our Children's Champion newsletter, which will be distributed state-wide**



Instructions for Children Age 10 and Up

You are surrounded by people who care about your growth and want you to be as healthy and strong as possible.

We invite you to write a short essay (no more than 300 words) about your health care hero--someone who helps make sure you get the health care you need. You can write about a family member, guardian, neighbor, or friend.

Write about the qualities that make this person a health care hero to you. Your health care hero could be your mom who takes you to the doctor when you are sick. It could be your dad who gives you your insulin shots every day. Or, it could be your neighbor who gives you and your mom a ride to the health department for check-ups.

Once you have finished your essay, mail it to: Tennessee Justice Center, 211 7th Avenue N., Ste. 100, Nashville, TN 37219. You may also type it and send it by email to info@tnjustice.org.

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because _____

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23 Years of Standing with Caretakers to Protect Children's Health



Kinika Young
Director of Children's Health



Anna Walton
Health Policy Associate



Julia Dixon
King Child Health Fellow



Michele Johnson
Executive Director

Michele Johnson, Executive Director at the Tennessee Justice Center, a non-profit public interest law and advocacy firm based in Nashville said, "Our annual 'Community Health Care of the Year' recognition acknowledges the struggles, sacrifices and devotion of caretakers and guardians across Tennessee. These individuals are inspiring examples of how Tennessee parents bravely persist and overcome obstacles to obtain care that their children need and should receive."

Johnson added, "This is the tenth year that we have invited Tennessee children, teens, and community members to nominate their caretakers for Community Health Care Hero of the Year. Our office gets calls every day from caretakers and guardians who inspire us with their dedication to their children's future. We want to celebrate these folks and others like them; they are real heroes."

Our Children's Health Team members are tireless advocates for all Tennessee children through education, advocacy and public policy. We educate the public and policymakers about the importance of vital children's healthcare programs, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the need to preserve, protect and improve these programs to better meet the needs of children and families in Tennessee. Failing to preserve these programs would adversely impact children and the healthcare infrastructure overall.

In addition to our advocacy, we represent individual clients, including children and families, who need assistance to appeal a denial of medical services or enrollment under TennCare (Medicaid), CoverKids (CHIP), CHOICES, or ECF CHOICES. For help with children's coverage issues, please visit our Need Help page, or call 615-255-0331 if you or someone you know needs our services.

Thank you very much for participating in our Community Healthcare Heroes of the Year Competition. With the voice of our youth, we are sure to tell the stories that will continue to demonstrate why protecting healthcare and children should be top of mind for every Tennessean.

