

## **New CHEO Advocacy Awards: “*Let’s Keep Kids out of Hospital*”**

You might have heard the expression “It takes a village to raise a child.” From your child’s coach who goes the extra mile to ensure that all the kids on the team have their turn on the ice or the field, to the reading and literacy program reaching out to homeless families or the group trying to change policy to prevent injuries – the village is all around us.

To celebrate and honour the range of people, programs and services that help keep our kids out of hospital and help them grow up healthy, the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario’s (CHEO) Board of Trustees introduces its *Let’s Keep Kids out of Hospital Advocacy Award* program, to thank those who make a difference in the lives of so many children and youth in our community.

Past winners have included: *Capital Parent Newspaper*, *Coopérative Ami-Jeunesse*, Ms. Doris Lariviere, Ottawa Safe Communities Network, Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Group Network and the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Go ahead: nominate yourself or someone else who helps “kids stay out of hospital”! Winners will receive a \$500 gift to re-invest in their program.

### **Award categories**

There are four award categories, each dealing with an important health issue facing the children and youth of our community. Applications or nominations can be made for only one award category in any given year. The categories include:

- Injury Prevention
- Mental Health
- Obesity
- Poverty

### **Eligibility**

Applicants or nominees must be Canadian organizations or Canadian residents who are not current employees or board members of CHEO or the CHEO

Foundation. The program/ activity in question must directly impact a community in the Champlain LHIN region, which includes the City of Ottawa and the counties of Renfrew, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville.

**Deadline**

You have until May 3, 2010 to apply or nominate someone. Winners will be announced in June 2010.

*For more information and to fill out nominations forms, please visit the new and improved CHEO website at: <http://www.cheo.on.ca/en/letskeepkidsoutofhospital>*

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