

# 2017 Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Award Nominations

December 5, 2017

To our Great Teller County Stakeholders:

Please save the date, get out your volunteer list, and take a few moments to submit your nominations! The **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Teller County Colorado Cares Volunteer Service Awards** ceremony will be held at the Pikes Peak Heritage Center in Cripple Creek at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Recognizing volunteers is a priority throughout our Teller County communities. The Volunteer Service Awards Committee needs your help to make this celebration a great success. Please use the attached form to nominate one or more of your valuable volunteers for their outstanding contribution to your organization and the community.

If you have submitted nominations in the past which weren't awarded, please consider re-submitting those again this year. If a nomination is not selected for an award, it does not mean that it was a poor nomination, and may very well receive awards in future years. Here are some additional nomination details that you should be aware of:

- To be considered for this year's awards, your ***nominee's contributions must have taken place between January 1 and December 31, 2017.***
- **Nominations are due no later than *NOON* on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.**
- The volunteer award winner in each category will receive a distinctive award during February's breakfast ceremony and will also be recognized in the local media. If your nominee wins, you will be asked to present the award.
- If you would like to nominate more than one volunteer, feel free to make copies of the nomination form. Please forward this form to others who may also want to nominate a volunteer.
- Only one award is granted in each category unless otherwise noted. *Please clearly identify* the category for which your nominee is qualified on the attached form.

***Please remember...***to have your nominee to be considered for an award, return the completed Nomination Form, 400-word (maximum) narrative and supplemental materials, ***no later than NOON on Wednesday, January 17, 2018***, to the Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Awards Committee c/o Lisa Noble, by email at [NobleL@co.teller.co.us](mailto:NobleL@co.teller.co.us), or by snail mail at PO Box 959, Cripple Creek, CO 80813.

For more information, please call Karen Casey at 687-5218 or Lisa Noble at 640-0535.

Best wishes,

*The 2016 Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Awards Committee:*

Norm Steen, Neil Levy, Suzanne Leclercq, Veldean Myers, Lisa Noble, Karen Casey

**2016 Teller County Cares  
Volunteer Service Awards Categories**  
Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Awards program recognizes the many volunteers that make Teller County an even better place to live, and also promotes the ethic of service to all citizens as both a privilege and an opportunity. This awards program honors Teller County Citizens who demonstrate exemplary commitment to their community and service to others.

**Award Categories:** The volunteer service activities must have been performed in Colorado for the benefit of Teller County Colorado residents. Select one of the following categories for each nomination.

<u><b>Award Category</b></u>	<u><b>Volunteer Award Recognition Description</b></u>
1. <b>Civic/Service Organizations</b>	A club or organization that is community minded in Teller County.
2. <b>Business</b>	A business that is community minded in Teller County.
3. <b>Children/Youth</b>	Volunteers who help with Teller County children or youth.
4. <b>Seniors</b>	Volunteers who assist the Teller County senior population.
5. <b>Health</b>	Volunteers who assist those with health needs or those who make significant contributions in the health field for Teller County.
6. <b>Community Pride</b>	Volunteers who mobilize or otherwise contribute to creating opportunities for the community, or someone who is the community “cheerleader” making things happen.
7. <b>Education</b>	Volunteers who participate in and support the education of youth and adults, and staff who have demonstrated efforts above and beyond those normally associated with their positions or roles (e.g., literacy, tutoring, English as a Second Language, Read to Achieve, after school programs, etc.).
8. <b>Environment</b>	Volunteers who participate in community clean-up programs, efforts in improving the environment and/or environmental health in Teller County ( <i>i.e. maintaining parks or open space, building trails, domestic or wild animal welfare activities, forest health, etc.</i> ).
9. <b>Good Samaritan</b>	Volunteers who contribute significantly to the welfare of socially and economically challenged individuals ( <i>i.e., food drives, cleaning up property, providing shelter, etc.</i> ).
10. <b>Arts and Culture</b>	Volunteers who promote the arts and culture in the community.
11. <b>Rising Star</b>	Youth who participate in the community through volunteering.
12. <b>Special Service</b>	Individuals or organizations who have had a major, positive impact on the quality of life in Teller County during. This includes going above and beyond the types of efforts normally associated with people/organization’s positions or roles, ( <i>i.e., responding to emergencies, disasters, saved lives, and similar extraordinary efforts</i> ).
13. <b>Heritage</b>	Exemplifies the Teller County motto: Protect the Past, Embrace the Future
14. <b>Les Mellott, Jr.</b>	Volunteerism through long-term government service to the community ( <i>i.e., County Commissioner, City Council, Mayor, Planning Commission, Utilities Board, etc.</i> ) in the public or private sector.
15. <b>Centennial Award</b>	A Teller County resident who has made a significant and lifelong contribution to the county through service and volunteerism.

Submit the nomination form **PLUS** a 400 word maximum narrative. Supplementary material is optional (i.e., letters of support, newspaper articles, and/or photos, etc.) not to exceed five 8-1/2\*11” pages. **DO NOT** submit audio or DVD’s, display materials, films or scrapbooks. *The supplementary materials **will not** be returned.*

**Please return this completed form  
with other required materials  
by NOON on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.**

## 2017 Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Awards Nomination Form

**Award Nomination Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State/Zip

**Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State/Zip

**Work Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Eligibility**

- An individual, family, group or organization engaged in volunteer service.
- Nominees may be nominated in only one category each year.
- The volunteer service activities described must have been performed in Teller County Colorado for the benefit of Teller County residents.
- Only those nominations meeting the selection criteria, submitted with all required materials by the deadline will be considered for awards.

### **Selection Criteria**

The following criteria **MUST** be addressed in a narrative, no more than 400-words, which will be used to evaluate nominations for the Teller County Colorado Cares Volunteer Service Awards:

- **Achievement:** What the nominee accomplished through volunteer service.
- **Community Need:** Nominee achieved an unmet community need through voluntary service.
- **Innovation:** Nominee used an innovative or exemplary approach in performing volunteer service.
- **Mobilization:** Nominee mobilized other volunteers or generated increased resources.
- **Ongoing Involvement:** Nominee's commitment was hands-on and sustained, rather than a one-time activity.

### **Required Materials**

- Completed nomination form
- A 400-word maximum nomination narrative addressing the selection criteria.
- For the Centennial Award only, submit a resume or biographical information documenting years of service provided by the nominee.

### **Deadline**

For consideration, please return the Nomination Form, 400-word narrative and supplemental materials to Lisa Noble c/o Teller County Cares Volunteer Service Awards Committee by email at [NobleL@co.teller.co.us](mailto:NobleL@co.teller.co.us), or by snail mail at PO Box 959, Cripple Creek, CO 80813, **no later than Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at NOON.**

NOTE: Awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
9:00-11:00 a.m. (breakfast at 8:30) at the Heritage Center, 9283 CO Hwy 67 in Cripple Creek.

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with other required materials  
by *NOON* on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.**

**Award Nomination Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION NARRATIVE** (400 word maximum):