

# Mature Services SOAR Awards 2017 Nomination Procedures

## Nomination Procedures for Judged Awards are as follows:

1. Any person or organization can nominate for each award. If nominating more than one person and/or in more than one category, an individual application must be completed as listed below or using the online application. Nominees can only be nominated in one award category, multiple entries may not be reviewed.
2. The deadline for submitting nomination is March 24th, 2017. Judged awards will be reviewed by a panel of judges and all decisions are final. Top three nominees will be announced on April 11th and winners will be announced at the SOAR Awards on May 23, 2017.
3. For additional rules and tools, please visit our website at [www.matureservices.org](http://www.matureservices.org)
4. All nominations must include:
  - Name of Nominee
  - Nominee Email
  - Nominee Phone
  - Nominee Address
  - Submitter Name
  - Submitter Email
  - Submitter Phone
  - Submitter Address

## DESCRIPTION OF JUDGED AWARDS

### Joe Ruby Collaboration in Aging Service Award

Joe Ruby served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities from 1981 until 2016. During his tenure he did so much to encourage collaboration in an effort to produce better outcomes for older adults including Community Based Care Transitions Program, Community Care Coordination and provider alignment in a variety of service areas. This award will go to a group of people or organizations who improved services to older adults through a collaborative effort in Summit County. To make a nomination, please include the following:

Please demonstrate, in 500 words or more, how the project or campaign delivered in partnership had a positive impact on the senior community. Your reason for nomination must demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Cross-Sector Collaboration
- High Impact
- Partnership with Private, Public, or Third-Party Sector
- Effective elimination of organizational silos and/or sharing of resources and expertise

### Age Friendly City Award

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Age-Friendly Cities project has developed a checklist as a tool for assessing and making our cities age friendly. This award will go to a city in Summit County who is making efforts in making their city more age friendly.

Submissions must demonstrate that the city or municipality has taken steps to address the needs of older adults according to standards suggested by the World Health Organization (WHO). There are eight core concepts provided by WHO and nominations should demonstrate success in addressing and adapting infrastructure and services to meet the needs of older people including:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation
- Employment
- Communication
- Community Support and Health Issues



### **Innovations in Aging Award**

This award goes to a person or organization who has done something innovative in the last year in Summit County to serve older adults. The innovation can be in any category as long as the outcome improved the lives of older adults. To make a nomination, please include the following:

Please demonstrate, in 500 words or more, how the innovation accomplished one or more of the following:

- Made a positive impact to the aging community
- Improved service delivery or efficiencies
- Provided tangible effectiveness and measurable results

### **Ed Kaufmann Leadership in Aging Award**

In 1977 Ed Kaufmann became the leader of Mature Services and took a struggling, startup nonprofit to a multi-service organization that empowers seniors to thrive in our community. He led the organization until his death in 2011. His legend lives on today in the mission of Mature Services. This award will go to a leader in Summit County who through their leadership has improved the lives of older adults. To make a nomination, please include the following:

- Candidate's educational background (school, degree)
- Current position, organization name and location, and number of years in current position
- Brief career summary, starting positions, locations, and length of service in each position
- Professional affiliations and activities (ie: memberships, committees-include dates)
- Leadership in professional associations (include dates)
- Honors and awards received (include dates)
- Demonstration of how the nominee has accomplished any of the following: Established a positive image for aging and increased the stature of aging in the community. Encouraged innovation and risk-taking in providing aging services. Actively supported all aspects of aging and the needs for targeted population services.

### **ONLINE VOTING COMMUNITY AWARDS**

1. These awards are being offered online ONLY! You may nominate yourself or another business as many times as you wish. Deadline is March 24, 2017. Please visit our website to nominate by clicking on the "Online Community Awards" button. Top three nominees with the MOST nominations will be announced April 11th. Winners will be announced at the SOAR Awards on May 23, 2017.
2. For additional rules and tools, please visit our website at: [www.matureservices.org](http://www.matureservices.org)

Awards include:

#### **Aging in Place Award**

A service provider in Summit County who has helped older adults stay in their homes.

#### **Aging Environment Excellence Award**

A housing service in Summit County who provides excellence in their living environments for older adults.

#### **Age Friendly Business Award**

A business in Summit County who strives to be friendly to older adults in the way they conduct business.



**SUMMIT OSCARS FOR AGING RESOURCES**

**Submit completed nominations by March 24, 2017 to:**  
**Mature Services SOAR Awards**  
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