

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



All of us feel so fortunate to be able to tell these stories that portray recovery as a place where people can change, families can be healed, and where there is an abundance of hope.



— 2014 Honoree



## Consumer/Peer Leader Nomination Form

For the past 10 years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and its Voice Awards program have demonstrated that stories of resilience and recovery in behavioral health can change lives. These stories touch people as they play out on screen and in our communities. They compel the public and the entertainment industry to view individuals with behavioral health needs in a more informed and accepting way.

Through their work and personal stories of resilience, both consumer/peer leaders and television and film professionals demonstrate that people with mental and/or substance use disorders can and do recover and lead meaningful lives.<sup>1</sup> SAMHSA's goal is for this work and these stories to be shared with every community.

If you know of a consumer/peer leader who has made outstanding contributions in educating the public about behavioral health, please nominate that person for a 2015 Voice Award. Specifically, the awards program is seeking to recognize individuals who have:

- Personally demonstrated that recovery is real and possible;
- Led efforts to reduce the discrimination and misperceptions associated with behavioral health conditions; and
- Made a positive impact on communities, workplaces, or schools.

The Voice Awards 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary program will also spotlight the impact that suicide has on individuals, families, and communities, as well as its inextricable link to behavioral health. Special consideration will be given to consumer/peer leader nominees who are working to improve public awareness about and reduce instances of suicide and suicide attempts.

### **Nominations are due by Friday, April 10.**

Nominations are open to anyone. There is no limit to the number of nominations an individual can submit, and self-nominations are welcome.

To make a nomination, please indicate the following information and try to be as specific as possible.

***NOTE: Only consumer/peer leaders who live and work in the U.S. are eligible for a Voice Award.***

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<sup>1</sup> The Voice Awards program defines "consumer/peer leader" broadly as a person who has received or is receiving services for a mental and/or substance use disorder.

**Your name and contact information (optional—you may nominate anonymously)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Consumer/peer leader's name and contact information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description of this person's contributions as they relate to the criteria above (500 words maximum)**

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