

LEHIGH COUNTY AGING & ADULT SERVICES TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO UNSUNG HEROES

Each May, in honor of Older Americans Month, we celebrate the contributions of older adults in our community who generously give their time and talents to enhance the lives of those around them while demonstrating healthy aging. Lehigh County will recognize these Unsung Heroes to show appreciation for their generous contributions at an event on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

This annual tradition celebrates an older adult whose community has been enhanced through their active engagement, volunteerism, and service to others. We all know who these wonderful people are in our community. They are often the unsung heroes our communities cannot live without and are always there to volunteer their time when needed.

To be eligible for consideration:

1. Must be at least 60 years of age.
2. Must be a Lehigh County resident.
3. The achievements, accomplishments or service must be performed on a volunteer basis, not paid.
4. Have performed outstanding contributions or services that promoted, enhanced and enriched the quality of life for others.
5. **Must be available to attend the Unsung Hero celebration on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.**
6. Essays must be written in the nominator's own words.

Nomination forms can be printed from the Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services homepage at www.lehighcounty.org, or obtained by contacting the Lehigh County Office of Aging & Adult Services at 610-782-3034.

DON'T DELAY! NOMINATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026!

Send completed nomination forms and essays to: **Lehigh County Government Center
Aging & Adult Services
17 S. 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18101-2400**

Nominators are strongly encouraged to paint an interesting picture of their nominee through concise explanations of their involvement and accomplishments as you and others see them. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Those nominees chosen by the selection committee will be required to submit personal photos for the event presentation. Photos will be returned. (Previous award recipients are not eligible).

You may submit as many nominations as you would like. Please use a separate form for each nomination. (If nominating a group, please only submit ONE essay, but complete a separate nomination form for each member.)

**LEHIGH COUNTY AGING & ADULT SERVICES
UNSUNG HEROES 2026 NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____
First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County _____ Township _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

How did you hear about Unsung Heroes? _____

Please provide a narrative, in 400 words or less, to include thoughtful, clear and succinct responses to these points:

1. Describe the community engagement, volunteerism, and/or service performed by the nominee that is worthy of celebration and recognition.
2. Explain what is inspiring, courageous, unusual or innovative about the nominee's achievements.
3. Detail how the nominee impacted the community.
4. Provide any additional information that would be helpful or interesting.
5. Essays must be written in the nominator's own words.

**Please be advised that minor edits to submitted essays may be made for presentation at the award ceremony to enhance clarity and readability and/or to align with program time constraints. Every effort will be made to preserve the original intent of each submission, and awardees will receive a copy of their original essay.*