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| **Spirit Mountain Community Fund Seeking Nominationsfor Annual “yeʔlan lima” Award**(A Chinuk Wawa phrase meaning: Helping Hand) |

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| Nomination letters for this year’s **yeʔlan lima award** are being accepted October 23 through November 12, 2024.  The Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) frequently celebrates the success and remarkable achievements of our nonprofit partners. However, the individuals within these inspiring organizations often don’t receive the recognition they deserve. A fundamental ingredient of a successful organization is the dedication, commitment and unwavering effort of the individuals working within the organization.  We hope you will assist us in finding that one special “*helping hand”* in your organization or community by sending us your nomination for the 2024 yeʔlan lima award. Your nominee may be a volunteer, a co-worker, a manager/supervisor, or someone you know that is affiliated with a partner nonprofit organization. Award Categories:* Non-paid volunteer
* Paid non-management staff
* Paid management staff

 The criteria for a nominee includes one or more of the following qualities:* Exhibits style and influence to motivate those with whom they interact
* Performs work tasks in an exemplary manner that inspire others to excel
* Consistently demonstrates outstanding conduct and performance of duties
* Demonstrated dedication, superior reliability and cooperation in achieving the mission, goals and objectives of the nonprofit organization of which they are employed or volunteer

**Award Rules**: The nomination letter is limited to one page *(typed, 12 pt. min.*) and not to exceed 250 words. Nomination letters must be emailed to info@thecommunityfund.com  by **5pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.** * Nomination letters must include a recent color photo of the nominee*(.jpeg format preferred)*
* Nomination letters must specify which award category they are submitting for their nominee
* Nominee must be currently working in the nonprofit sector & serving within SMCF’s 11-county service area (Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington or Yamhill)
* All nomination materials submitted will become the property of SMCF and will not be returned
* Persons may not nominate themselves or their family members
* Previous Helping Hand award winners are ineligible

Each of the award recipients will receive a distinctive recognition award, a one-night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino, and $500. Winners will be selected in early December and awards will be delivered before Christmas! If you have any questions, please email info@thecommunityfund.com or call 503-879-1400.Hayu Masi (Many Thanks)!  |

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