Call for Nominations
Charles W. Pruitt/Mary Anne Kelly Awards of Excellence

Background

SWPPA’s Charles W. Pruitt/Mary Anne Kelly Awards of Excellence have been in existence since 2003 and have been a way of celebrating individuals “who have made outstanding contributions in the field of aging which have had a regional, state or national impact.” In large part, these awards have been made to aging services professionals such as AAA directors, senior service provider executives, geriatricians, and foundation executives. The candidates are generated by a sub-set of the board and the award is typically presented at SWPPA’s annual meeting.

The Charles W. Pruitt/Mary Anne Kelly Awards of Excellence serve as recognition of the generative partnership of Charles Pruitt (founding board chair) and Mary Anne Kelly (founding executive director) which brought people to the table from all sectors to produce the synergy that became SWPPA.

In light of SWPPA’s broadening agenda related to Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh, the board has decided that along with a lifetime achievement award, a second award be made available which identifies and celebrates an individual who is committed to the principles of the Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) framework. Utilizing the three AFC Impact Areas (Connecting, Innovation, and Access), SWPPA will identify suitable candidates to be acknowledged with this important award annually.

The Awards

The SWPPA board invites you to nominate any individual you feel meets either of these following criteria for that category:

Honorees for Lifetime Achievement Award:

- Demonstrate outstanding leadership in promoting policy, program and systems change that improve quality of life for all people, but particularly for our oldest generations
- Work in, or have worked in, aging or a related field for at least 20 years
- Have made a recognized impact in the field of aging
- Has had some association with SWPPA as either a member or board member
Honorees for the Age-Friendly Leadership Award:

- Show outstanding leadership to advance the mission of Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh, an initiative of SWPPA
- Demonstrate their power to bring people of all ages together to rethink how our neighborhoods are built and to take action to make them more inclusive and respectful of every generation.
- Significantly contribute to progress made in one or more focus areas outlined in the AFGP Action plan – 1. **Access** – Improve entry points, participation and navigation to new options and opportunities, in either neighborhoods or health systems, for people of all ages and abilities.
  2. **Connection** – Strengthen intergenerational relationships to combat social isolation and loneliness, creating spaces that encourage coming together and celebrating initiatives that put relationships first.
  3. **Innovation** – Champion meaningful technology and ideas that enable people to age in the community of their choice and help neighbors of all ages to collaborate with our region’s growing technology industry.

**The Process**

Please submit the following information to SWPPA (Southwestern PA Partnership for Aging) at info@swppa.org by Friday, September 15, 2023:

- Your name
- The award category (Lifetime or Age-Friendly) for your nominee
- The nominee’s name and succinct bio or abstract of their work
- The reason you are nominating this individual