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What: Community Development Partnership Seeks Nominations for Annual Community Awards

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**The Community Development Partnership seeks nominations
for two annual awards recognizing outstanding community members**

The Community Development Partnership (CDP) is seeking nominations from the public for two awards presented to distinguished Lower Cape community members. The 17th Annual Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service and the 8th Annual Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship will be awarded at the CDP's 30th Annual Meeting, held Thursday, May 19th at the Wellfleet Preservation Hall.

The Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service was created in 2005 to honor longtime former CDP Executive Director, Gwen Pelletier, for her years of service to the Lower Cape Community. The award recognizes individuals, businesses or organizations for their involvement and support for maintaining the economic diversity of the Lower Cape.

"Many individuals and organizations on the Lower Cape work to create opportunities for our low- to moderate-income neighbors," said CDP Chief Executive Officer, Jay Coburn. "Presenting the Gwen Pelletier Award is an important way for us to celebrate those efforts that are such a critical part of building a stronger and more diverse year-round Lower Cape community."

The organization seeks nominations of local individuals or organizations that have:

- Demonstrated a positive effect on the community.
- Contributed to a program that improves the livability of the local community.
- Demonstrated goodwill built by developing collaborative efforts with local communities and partnerships with other organizations.
- Demonstrated thoroughness in program/project planning & implementation.

The Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship was established in 2014 to honor the late Norm Edinberg, a longtime CDP Board Member, for his years of service to the Lower Cape business community. The Award recognizes an established Lower Cape business owner who has utilized CDP business and credit services, and who has an established community connection through social responsibility, environmental sustainability, volunteer time or financial contributions.



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“The past two years have been challenging for small businesses, but COVID-related business shutdowns have shown how adaptive and resilient our local business owners can be,” said Coburn. “We are delighted to recognize a talented business owner who has invested in their employee’s success and is committed to creating opportunities for their employees and our community.”

The organization is looking for Lower Cape business owners who have:

- Used the business and credit services offered by the CDP (loans, technical assistance, training, etc.)
- Been in business for a minimum of five years
- Have three or more full time employees (including themselves)
- Demonstrate community connections either through social responsibility, environmental sustainability, volunteer time or financial contributions

Businesses must be located in Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Brewster, Chatham or Harwich.

Nominations should be submitted by **Monday, April 4, 2022**, to Nina Cantor, Chief Development & Communications Officer at, nina@capecdp.org or mailed to Community Development Partnership, 3 Main Street Mercantile, Unit 7 Eastham, MA 02642. Nomination forms are available for download at capecdp.org/news/community-awards. Contact Nina with questions at (508) 290-0125.

Past Award Winners of the Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service include:

2021 – Vicki Goldsmith – Former Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

2019 – Andi Genser – Former Executive Director at WE CAN

2018 - John Pappalardo, Cape Cod Commercial Fisherman’s Trust

Past Award Winners of the Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship:

2021 – Karen & Christian Sparrow, Karen Densmore, Garrett Smythe, Sunbird Kitchen

2019 – The Roberts Family, Truro Vineyards and South Hollow Spirits

2018 – Chris and Virginia Smith, Cape Cod Tree and Landscape, Chatham

For a complete list of past award winners, please visit capecdp.org/news/community-awards.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Community Development Partnership leads the Lower Cape in building a diverse year-round community of people who can afford to live, work and thrive here. To accomplish our mission, we promote, develop and manage affordable housing; nurture the launch and growth of small businesses; and facilitate collaboration with business, nonprofit, and government partners. To find out more information about Community Development Partnership, visit www.capecdp.org.

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